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NO. I

### MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT UPDIKE

THE death of Edwin H. Updike, coming only a short time after he assumed office, had given him but scant time to prepare for the year's work. Mr. Francis I. Vander Beek, Vice President for New York County, performed the office of Acting President until the election reported in this publication. A copy of this memorial, adopted as a minute by the Trustees October 5, was ordered engrossed and sent to Mr. Updike's family.

For him the summons came to die in his fifty-first year—long before "It was time to grow old, to take in sail," as Emerson expressed it. But the untiring energy and devotion which, under the guidance of a lofty conscience, invariably he displayed throughout the Endless Battle of Life, already had won for him a high place in the field of noteworthy accomplishment.

The loss of an intimate and respected friend constitutes one of the absolutely irreparable losses in life; and as the years pass, more and more do we realize that these inevitable part-

ings constitute the great pathos in human existence. Under the sway of this emotion the Trustees of The Holland Society lay this little flower upon the bier of their cherished friend and co-worker, Edwin H. Updike.

#### AUTUMN MEETING

An enjoyable evening is promised for Holland Society members on November 30, when Wayman Adams, noted American portrait painter, will accept the Society's Gold Medal at the Autumn Meeting. A striking feature of the entertainment will be a motion picture in which Mr. Adams will be shown painting the portrait of a Holland Society member, Mr. Frederick Van Wyck. When the picture is finished, Mr. Van Wyck will step forward, apparently Mr. Adams' creation from paint and canvas. As usual, there will be no charge to members, but all have the privilege of bringing guests at the customary rate.

the first time since its  
foundation, nearly fifty years  
The Holland Society of New  
York has been called upon to  
perform the death of a President  
in a term of office.  
absent in London, Ed-  
win H. Updike died suddenly on  
the ninth last, and on the  
evening of August following his  
funeral services were held at the  
church of the Incarnation in  
New York City.  
enrolled as a member of The  
Holland Society in 1921, he be-  
came a Trustee in 1927. Vice  
President for New York County  
during the three years ending in  
1931 he was elected Treasurer, which  
office he held until his advancement to the Presi-  
dency in April, 1933.  
a member of the New York Bar Association,  
during the World War he served as head of the  
New York office of the Emergency Fleet Corpora-  
tion. The legal firm of which he was a member was  
broken up upon the election of John Purroy  
Kelley, one of the partners, to the Mayoralty of  
New York City; and thereafter he formed a part-  
nership with his brother, Godfrey E. Updike, which  
continued until the former's death.  
Was the full vigor of manhood, at a high point of  
valued and efficient services,  
The God of Bounds  
Who sets to seas a shore  
Came to him in his fatal rounds  
And said "No more!  
No farther shoot  
thy broad ambitious branches, and thy root."

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## SOME DUTCH FOOTPRINTS IN NEW ENGLAND

BY H. P. LOVECRAFT\*

DEVOTEES of the Dutch Colonial tradition do not commonly look upon New England as within their field. If they think of it at all, it is largely as the foe whose outposts on the Connecticut River called forth certain steps from the mountainous Wouter van Twiller—the building of an armed fort on the site of Hartford in 1633, and the fruitless despatch of a force of seventy soldiers in the following year. The Dutch, it will be remembered, claimed all the territory up to the Connecticut's west bank (notwithstanding the counter-claim of England to all the Atlantic coast region); and it is by no means certain that they were not the discoverers of that river. Vaguer Dutch claims extended all the way to Cape Cod.

It is not true, however, that this boundary dispute formed the sole link of Holland with Novanglian history; for a fairly close survey reveals a multitude of Dutch footprints in New England. The record begins in 1614 with Adriaen Block, whose expedition in the New Netherlands built ship *Onrust* explored the New England coast as far as Cape Cod; charting the principal features and applying a nomenclature which includes several still-surviving names. Not only does Block Island preserve his memory, but he is probably responsible (notwithstanding contrary hypotheses) for the name of the distinguished State of Rhode Island) since his account of a small reddish island (*een rodlich Eylandken*) in Narragansett Bay seems to have caused later settlers to apply that designation by mistake to the larger island of Aquidneck, on which Newport stands, and thence to the colony established there. It is a little-known fact that the Dutch nomenclature of Block persisted quite generally on charts of Narragansett Bay until the very close of the seventeenth century.

RHODE Island has another Dutch link on its southern coast; where a ruinous old fortification, long attributed to the Indians and known as Fort Ninigret, is now quite generally considered of Dutch origin. Dutch artifacts including Delft ware, clay pipes and items for Indian trade have been found on this site; and it seems highly probable that the fort was one of several along the New England coast, with which the Dutch sought to establish a title to the region. Its probable date is 1627, a conjecture supported by a letter of the Dutch ambassador to England in 1631. In 1637 the Dutch acquired an island in that western part of Narragansett Bay which Block had named "Sloop Bay," and built a trading post upon it; causing it to become known to later generations as "Dutch Island."

Still another Dutch-Rhode Island link is afforded by Roger Williams, who had studied the Dutch language at Cambridge through his belief in Holland's importance as a factor in religious freedom. He had long associated with Anabaptists and Mennonites of Dutch origin in

\*Mr. Lovecraft is descended from some of New England's oldest families, and is not only an amateur student of the history of Providence and Rhode Island, but a writer of fiction.

England, and in the new world his relations with the Netherlands were especially cordial. In June, 1644, in New Amsterdam for the purpose of embarking for England, Mr. Williams was able to perform service in mediating between the Dutch and the Indians of Long Island. Later, on his second visit to England in 1652 and 1653, occurred his well-known service of instructing Milton in Dutch.

Rhode Islanders, whose long-standing differences with the Massachusetts Bay Colony made Boston a congenial port for them, employed New Amsterdam more than once as a place of embarkation for the world. It was from there that Samuel Gorton, known only to Williams as a champion of liberty, sailed for Holland and thence for England in 1645. A direct Netherlands link with Rhode Island is afforded by the Holland education of Dr. John Clark, the physician and clergyman who founded the first church in Newport and secured for the colony its independence of 1663.

More surprising to the layman than the connection of southern New England with the Dutch, is the fact that a part of Maine's rocky coast has known the rule of the States-General. Such, however, is the case; for the ancient fortress and trading post of Pentagoët at Castine (founded by the French in 1613, and by some supposed to be the oldest permanent settlement in New England) was held by the Dutch from 1674 to 1676. On September 10, 1674, the French garrison under Captain de Champlain was overcome after an hour's hot fighting by the Dutch privateer the *Flying Horse*, commanded by Captain Jurriaen Aernouts and piloted by an Englishman from Boston. The visitors disarmed the French, removed the cannon, taking Captain de Champlain to Boston, whence he was later ransomed for a thousand beaver-skins. The bulk of the French colonists, who had settled there in 1671, submitted to the invasion of November 1676, two years after the second and final transfer of New Netherlands to the English by the Treaty of Westminster (October 31, 1674). The French force under Baron de St. Castin recaptured the fort, expelling the settlers because of their refusal to grant allegiance to the Dutch. Thus for more than twenty-four months after the treaty with England, in which the Netherlands nominally resigned all claims to North American soil in exchange for a recognition of their rights in the West India and in Surinam, a Dutch hold on this continent existed.

CERTAIN older historians have tended to discount the capture of Pentagoët as a mere buccannery incident, though the old Jesuit chronicler Ouellet speaks of Captain Aernouts as having a commission from the Prince of Orange. Others, however, have always recognized the official nature of the Dutch occupation of Pentagoët; and in recent years this recognition has become quite general. On the site of Fort Pentagoët, Perkins Street, Castine—there is now a tablet inscription relates, among other things (Please turn to P





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## OFFICES ENLARGED

The Executive Office and Library of the  
Society at 90 West Street, New York, has  
been enlarged and beautified during the Summer,  
and the Society's records and possessions are  
now under one roof. Some of the archives have been  
stored elsewhere many years. For a sum about  
equal to the storage charges, the Society was able  
to acquire space adjoining the Executive Office and  
Library, and has transformed it into two extra  
rooms—a meeting room and a repository for vol-  
umes used infrequently in research. The move en-  
abled the former Library to be enlarged, and per-  
mitted a much better display of antiques and histori-  
cal paintings that the Society possesses. Visitors to  
the Library are no longer crowded. Members are  
able to call and view the new surroundings.

## VAN ROIJEN PASSES

Those who noted the presence of Dr. J. H.  
van Roijen at Holland Society functions for a  
number of years, and who heard him speak on  
several occasions, were particularly grieved to learn  
of his untimely death in the Netherlands this  
week. Dr. van Roijen, as Netherlands Minister  
to the United States, was a Dutch gentleman of the  
highest type. He will be keenly missed in all circles  
connected with the affairs of his native land.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE Holland Society of New York welcomes  
the following persons, elected to membership  
by the Trustees October 5:

- |                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| - William Eugene Decker,        | Jersey City, N. J.        |
| - Samuel Deyo Dolson,           | Staten Island, N. Y.      |
| - Garrett Frederic Hoagland,    | Flushing, N. Y.           |
| - Lt. Col. Howard Hapgood Kipp, | Coronado, Cal.            |
| - John Clinton Lowe,            | Brooklyn, N. Y.           |
| - Benjamin Fairchild Luyster,   | Atlantic Highlands, N. J. |
| - Henry Zantvoort Stryker,      | Brooklyn, N. Y.           |
| - Perry Williams Terhune,       | East Orange, N. J.        |
| - Stephen Ten Broeck Terhune,   | New York City             |
| - Charles W. Van Buskirk,       | Trenton, N. J.            |
| - George Van Buskirk,           | Hackensack, N. J.         |
| - Schuyler Clark Van Cleef,     | New Brunswick, N. J.      |
| - John Schenck Williamson,      | Rockville Center, N. Y.   |
| - Edward Lisk Wyckoff,          | Keyport, N. J.            |

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in  
recording these names of members who have died  
recently:

- |                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| John E. Ackerman,            | Passaic, N. J.      |
| Alphonso T. Clearwater,      | Kingston, N. Y.     |
| Albert C. Hegeman,           | Shandaken, N. Y.    |
| Ira Gould Hoagland,          | Brooklyn, N. Y.     |
| James A. Romeyn,             | Hackensack, N. J.   |
| Col. Arthur F. Schermerhorn, | New York City       |
| James O. Schoonmaker,        | Poughkeepsie, N. Y. |
| Edwin H. Updike,             | New York City       |
| Edward B. Vanderveer,        | Brooklyn, N. Y.     |
| Charles Oscar Vandevanter,   | Leesburg, Va.       |
| Archibald H. Van Guysling,   | Los Angeles, Cal.   |

## TRUSTEES' MEETING

JUDGE Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., was elected  
President of The Holland Society by the  
Trustees on October 5 to fill the vacancy left by  
the death of Mr. Edwin H. Updike. Mr. John de  
C. Van Etten, elected Treasurer at the same time,  
succeeds Judge Ackerson in that office. To fill Mr.  
Updike's unexpired term as Trustee, the Trustees  
elected Arthur S. Van Buskirk of Keyport, N. J.  
This action was taken under provisions of the  
Society's Constitution at a meeting held in the  
Union League Club, New York.

Acting President Francis I. Vander Beek de-  
clined the Presidency and placed Judge Ackerson's  
name in nomination. The Trustees passed a mo-  
tion expressing regard for him and commending  
his work as Acting President.

Secretary Walter M. Meserole's report showed  
that in spite of the recent economic crisis as many  
members are now on the rolls as in 1927, when the  
membership had increased considerably over former  
years. Most of the meeting was given over to  
discussion of routine matters pointing to an active  
and interesting year ahead for Society members.





## DUTCH FOOTPRINTS

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things, that the post "became the seat of government . . . . of the Province of New Holland, the capture of which by Baron de St. Castin—November, 1676—ended Dutch authority in America."

That Plymouth should possess many Dutch connections is only natural in view of the long sojourn of the Pilgrims in Holland. Correspondence between Pieter Minuit and Governor Bradford was courteous and friendly; and in 1627 Minuit's secretary Isaac de Rasieres spent some time in Plymouth, being very cordially received and establishing fruitful and long-enduring trade relations between that colony and New Netherland. It is from a letter of de Rasieres that we derive the best of all descriptions of early Plymouth. Less generally known is the fact that the Pilgrims picked up several Dutch expressions during their stay in Leyden, several of which retained currency in the new colony. Chief among these is "meerstead," applied to the plots of land assigned to each member of the colony.

That the Dutch gave New England several of its choicest strains of blood is no news to those who recall the famous name of Wendell. Another noted line of this sort is that of the Rhode Island Updikes, planters and gentry in the old Narragansett country, and derived from a New Netherland ancestor, Dr. Gysbert op Dyck.

It would be hard to catalogue the various Dutch influences manifest to a greater or less extent in New England folkways. There is considerable evidence that the gambrel roof is of New Netherland origin, despite the different form which it took throughout the Yankee countryside; while the popularity of Dutch scriptural titles around New England fireplaces speaks for itself. Dutch culinary and linguistic influences certainly filtered eastward from the Hudson Valley at a very early date; as attested on the one hand by the doughnut\*, and on the other hand by such words as cookie, stoop (small porch), span (of horses), pit (stone of fruit), boss, scow, waffle, and hook (point of land).

The currency of Dutch coins—along with those of other nations—in colonial New England is of course a matter of common knowledge; this circumstance oddly surviving in the name Guilder Street, applied to a quaint alley along the ancient waterfront of Providence.

Thus we realize that the old New Netherland civilization is one which the seemingly alien Yankee cannot look upon as wholly detached from his own background. Between New England and its Dutch neighbor were all the ties of proximity, and of kindred settlement, purpose, and modes of life; hence today their respective sons cannot but look back together upon a substantial fund of common memories, prides, and institutions.

\*EDITOR'S NOTE: There are some who believe that the Pilgrims brought their doughnut recipe directly from Holland—that the housewives of Leyden obligingly imparted the secret of their cruller recipes to the residents-to-be of New England. The names of cruller, doughnut, and olykoek have become as hopelessly intertwined as the dough of the doughnut itself, which took its name from "dough-knot"—a long strip of dough twisted like a section of rope. The cruller was so called from the Dutch *krullen*, to curl; olykoek, or "oil cake," was its popular New Netherland name. Older generations in New England called crullers "fried cakes" to distinguish them.

## BOOKS ON OUR SHELF



THE LIBRARY of the Society has received the following outstanding donations:

From Mrs. Bell S. Cadmus: *A Genealogy—1611-1933*, compiled and graphed by Mrs. Bell S. Cadmus.

From Mrs. Frances L. Snedeker: *A Genealogy of the Family in America*, by the Rev. George Warne Labaree.

From A. R. Serven: *The Serven Family in America* (1933).

From Nicholas G. Blauvelt: *Index of Bergen County Marriages* (which were compiled by Mrs. Frances Blauvelt in 1929), by Nicholas G. Blauvelt.

The Society has acquired the following works by *The Chipp Family in England and America*, with *cal Tree*, by Charles Howard Burnett (1933).

*History of the City of Paterson and the County of N. J.*, by William Nelson (1901).

The following works have been acquired by exchange from New York Society Library: *Annual Report*.

From The Society of The Friendly Sons of St. Paul: *Year Book*.

From University of the State of New York: *Origins of the Fourth New York and Second New York Republics, 1778-1783*, with *Diaries of Samuel Tallmadge and John Jay*.

From Charles M. Dutcher: *One Hundred Years of the Dutch Savings Bank*.

Possessions of the Society have been increased by from Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Reginald Hyde of three prints of Dutch admirals and princes, a collection from Mrs. Alice Morse Earle; and from Mrs. H. A. Van Liew a board containing painted coats-of-arms of Dutch families and a framed Holland Society membership certificate of Van Liew, deceased.

## BRANCH MEETINGS

ON October 2 the Monmouth County Branch of The Holland Society held its annual meeting in the Monmouth County Historical building at Freehold, New Jersey. Benjamin Keuren was elected to succeed Harold V. Buskirk as President of the Branch, Aaron Hendrickson was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. The retiring president exhibited a collection of Christmas and charity seals and gave a historical talk about them.

The forty-fourth annual dinner of the Poughkeepsie Branch was held at the Nelson Poughkeepsie, October 3, to commemorate the anniversary of the raising of the Siege of Fort Mifflin in 1774. A. A. Schoonmaker was re-elected president of the branch, and Dr. John H. Dingler was elected Secretary-Treasurer for another year. J. Wilson Poucher, a Trustee of the Society and a charter member of the branch, spoke on the part of the local area and the part the Dutch played in its development. Others also gave talks. About fifty attended.

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NO. II

## PRESIDENT SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

President Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., it would seem from his utterances at the Autumn Meeting and at the Trustees' Meeting of December 10, determined to raise the Society's annual membership to its constitutional limit of 1,000 by the time of the Fiftieth Anniversary even if—his Godkins!—he has to go out and round up the tired 150 new members single-handed.

He will not have to work alone, though, for the Membership Committee is hard at work upon all kinds of strategy which are bound to result in large additions to the membership list. Judge B. B. B. has announced his intention of visiting the organized branch at some time during the coming year. He has served notice, in other words, that he is likely to drop in on branch gatherings at any time. This should be sufficient warning. If he does attend, he can make membership go up like a rocket. He did at the latest Union County dinner.

With this membership drive under way, Vice Presidents of branches who pledged fifteen per cent increases in membership at the Joint Meeting of Trustees and Vice Presidents last May might do well to check up to see whether they can report in January, 1934, that they did it.

## ANNUAL BANQUET

No more elaborate preparations were ever made for a Holland Society function than are now almost completed for the 1934 Annual Banquet. It will be held in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria on January 13, and arrangements are being made by a committee headed by Trustee Arthur R. Wendell,

who, as Vice President for Union County, New Jersey, has made dinners given by the Union County Branch famous far and wide.

The banquet is to be a new departure in Society annals, for, for the first time in the forty-nine years of its existence, ladies will be invited to take active part. They will not sit in a balcony, as has been the custom in the past, or be restricted in any way; they will dine with Society members and remain to hear the after-dinner addresses. Their presence, it is expected, will assure an attendance of at least 500.

Members are especially asked to reserve entire tables for themselves, their families, and their guests. Every effort will be made to accommodate special requests for seating arrangements, but the earlier such requests are made, the more easily they can be handled to the satisfaction of members.

Although the price of the dinner has been reduced from that of recent years, the appointments and the quality of entertainment will be on a par with any Society banquet held within the past decade. Former Judge William H. Speer of the Circuit Court of New Jersey, now general attorney of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, will share the speaking honors with Judge Harold B. Wells of the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Jersey. In addition, Sheridan Russell, noted English violoncellist, will make a special trip from Washington to entertain the gathering.

A number of improvements over last year's banquet are being planned by the committee at the suggestion of members of the Society. Any who do not attend this banquet, when ladies are being invited for the first time, are likely to regret it in years to come. Sign your acceptance cards now.

All names to appear on the printed seating list must be received before noon of January 13. Your support is urgently requested.





## ADAMS RECEIVES SOCIETY'S MEDAL

SOMEWHAT shy and very modest, Wayman Adams, American portrait painter, accepted The Holland Society's Gold Medal for 1933 at the Autumn Meeting November 28 in the Hotel Astor. The medal is awarded annually for notable achievement in some branch of art or science.

Mr. Adams responded briefly to Trustee William Van Wyck's introduction on behalf of the Committee on Awards. A motion picture prepared by the Metropolitan Museum of Art then illustrated his manner of painting a portrait. His subject was Mr. Frederick Van Wyck, Holland Society member and author of *Recollections of an Old New Yorker*. When the finishing stroke had been applied, the framed likeness of Mr. Van Wyck alone appeared on the screen, and then the portrait broke slowly into a broad smile. The painting and its subject were so much alike that the eye could not tell them apart. The portrait is now in the galleries of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Mr. William Van Wyck's introduction told of the Medalist's first art exhibition in a drug store, his studies abroad, and his later rise to fame as the painter of three Presidents of the United States and the holder of some of the highest awards in art.

The meeting was one of the largest in recent years, with 168 members and their guests in attendance. They were greeted by Judge Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., acting in the capacity of President for the first time at a Society function. Judge Ackerson's address contained a moving tribute to the late President Edwin H. Updike, whom he succeeded in office after Mr. Updike's death in July.

Secretary Walter M. Meserole delivered a forecast of two coming events of the utmost interest to Society members. He spoke of the Annual Banquet to be held at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on January 18, more detailed mention of which is made elsewhere in this publication. Mr. Meserole also asked the Society to look forward to the Annual Banquet for 1935, which will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Society and will be carried out on a scale suitable to the occasion.

## TRUSTEES' MEETING

Trustees of the Society devoted themselves seriously on December 14, at a meeting in the Union League Club, New York, to the problems of finance and securing new members. They were happy to elect fifteen members, a number of whom

were recruited at an unusually enthusiastic meeting of the Union County Branch early in the year.

Secretary Walter M. Meserole, in the Treasurer John de C. Van Etten, read the treasurer's report. This indicated that the finances were in creditable shape, although there were a number of delinquencies in dues attributable to business conditions, and some additional income might be derived from new members if more effort were put to secure them. President Henry E. Ackerson expressed his intention of visiting every organized branch during the coming year, and his late interest in the recruiting of new members that the Society may have its full membership of 1,000 annual members, as allowed by its constitution, on its fiftieth birthday in 1935.

Discussion of plans to further membership continued after a "Dutch treat" dinner.

## BRANCH MEETINGS

The Union County Branch held its meeting and dinner at the Baltusrol Golf Club on November 9. The officers elected for the year were: Stephen H. Voorhees, President; L. Van Vechten, Vice President, and Van Ness, Secretary-Treasurer.

The annual dinner of the Capital District Branch was held in the Fort Orange Club, Albany, on November 16, and the new officers for the branch were: Isaac H. Vrooman, Jr., President; Frank Bogert, M.D., Vice President, and H. Slingerland, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Westchester County Branch met on December 8 at the home of Leslie C. Van Woert, President of the branch, Rye, New York. The following officers were elected: John S. Van Horn, President; Howard S. F. Randolph, Vice President; Jarrett H. Buys, Treasurer, and David Horne, Secretary.

The Hudson County Branch held its meeting and dinner December 14 and elected all its officers, who are: Charles L. Vreeland, President; Charles E. Hendrickson, Secretary; and Howard R. Vreeland, Treasurer.

The Long Island Branch decided not to hold a dinner this year.

THE Editor regrets that this issue of THE MAEN has not been so prompt as usual. Next year it will appear about on the present date, but its preparation may not conflict with the Holidays.







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## DUTCH COLONIAL

MANY an architectural crime is done in the name of "Dutch Colonial," and this criminal tendency seems likely to grow. It is time to rise in wrath against this taking the name of one of the distinctive types of early American homes in vain. Real estate editors of our newspapers who thus describe some pictured structure certainly not Dutch and only faintly Colonial generally have been led astray by their imagination and insufficient knowledge.

It is common custom to call almost any gambrel-roofed, dormer-windowed house "Dutch Colonial," else to throw the blueprints of any three houses to a real estate developer's hat and give that name to the first one drawn. If those in charge of name-calling, or architectural game of chance, were to examine figures readily available showing correct angle, pitch and flare of Dutch Colonial gambrel roofs and eaves, and were to learn what of dormers, doorways, fan-lights, chimneys, windows and building materials should go into the construction of a Dutch house of any given period, they would blush at their past sins. And they would be pleased at the added grace and harmony of a Dutch Colonial home over the pseudo variety. Dutch Colonial houses were built in many types, naturally, but the gambrel-roofed variety that has its name to faulty imitations is confined to a relatively small area in New Netherland. It developed there because of the particular terrain, climate and needs of the people, and unlike the Colonial Dutch language did not assimilate items from other influences with which it came in contact. It was evolved independently of the neighboring New England gambrel or "hip roof" house, and is found in the original nowhere in the world but in regions that have felt the New Netherland influence. Because they were well built by people with a love for thoroughness and permanence, innumerable of these houses are standing almost in their original condition today.

The chief appeal of the Dutch Colonial house is in its distinctiveness, its architectural charm and its suitability to the New Netherland landscape, and there is no excuse for calling by its name another rose not half so sweet.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons, elected to membership by the Trustees December 14:

Robert Hall Bergen	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Herbert Rollins Bogardus	Lincoln Park, N. J.
Francis Charles Bradt	Scotia, N. Y.
Frederick Wynings Brower	New York City
Samuel Brower	Cedar Grove, N. J.
Garret A. Denise	Freehold, N. J.
Harold A. Hendrickson	Red Bank, N. J.
James Allaire Hendrickson	Red Bank, N. J.
Franklin Nevius	New York City
Harry Patterson Opdycke	Fanwood, N. J.
Philip Van Rensselaer Schuyler, Jr.	Plainfield, N. J.
William Henry van Benschoten, II	West Park, N. Y.
William Howard Vermilye	London, England
Waldemar Voorhees	Staten Island, N. Y.
William Clark Voorhees	Trenton, N. J.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

Rev. Ira A. Hotelling	Providence, R. I.
Frederick P. Palen	New York City
James A. Romeyn	Hackensack, N. J.
Greenleaf S. Van Gorder	Buffalo, N. Y.
Edward D. Ver Planck	Brookline, Mass.

DUTCH literature seldom has been cited as strikingly imaginative. No doubt the Dutch mind was too stolidly practical. For example, Jacob Steendam, New Netherland's first poet on record, wrote his famous poem, *The Praise of New Netherland*, in 1659, and Steendam's bit of verse was a thoroughly practical bit of rhyme and reason, with the emphasis on the latter. It described the rich animal and vegetable life of the little Dutch colony in the New World.





## ON OUR BOOK SHELF

THE LIBRARY of the Society has recently received the following books as gifts:

From William Van Wyck, Esq.: *A Treatise on Fishing with a Hook, Attributed to Dame Juliana Berners, Printed in the Book of Saint Albans by Wynken De Worde, 1496, and Rendered into Modern English by William Van Wyck (1933).*



From Frederick Van Wyck, Esq.: *Recollections of an Old New Yorker*, by Frederick Van Wyck (1932).

From the University of the State of New York: *Sir William Johnson Papers*, Vol. VIII.

From U. S. Commission for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington: *History of the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration*, Vol. III, Literature Series.

From Dutchess County Historical Society: *1933 Year Book*.

From New Jersey Historical Society: *Why a Constitution?*, by Edward D. Duffield, LL. D.

The Society has acquired the following works by purchase:

*Chronology and Ancestry of Chauncey M. Depew*, by William A. Eardeley (1918).

## VAN VOORHEES — EARLY DESCENDANTS OF STEPHEN COERTE, 1660

*It will be the practice of DE HALVE MAEN to publish, from time to time, abbreviated genealogies of only the first few American generations of families prominent in The Holland Society. These lineages are intended as reference material for interested persons, and in order that they may be as accurate as possible, DE HALVE MAEN welcomes any corrections or additions. These amendments will be published as soon as their merits have been determined by Mr. Howard S. F. Randolph, who is in charge of this department. Be sure to preserve your copies of DE HALVE MAEN for this valuable material.*

STEPHEN COERTE VAN VOORHEES [*van voor Hees*—from the outskirts (lit. "in front") of Hees in Drenthe, Netherlands], son of Coert Alberts of Voorhees; b. 1600 at Hees; em. Apr. 15, 1660 from Neth. in *De Bonte Koe* (The Spotted Cow) with wife & 7 children; settled at Flatlands, L. I., where he bought land Nov. 29, 1660; Member with wife of church there, 1677; assessment rolls, 1675 & 1683; magistrate 1664; died ab. Feb. 16, 1684.

Mar. 1, in Neth., name of wife unknown; mar. 2, ab. 1677, Willempie Roelofse Seubering (1619-1790). Chil: (all by 1st wife):—

1. Hendrickjen, b. Neth.; m. Jan Kiers; em. after father. No rec. of chil.

2. Merghin, b. Neth.; m. 1, Roelof—; m. 2, Remmelt Willemse; liv. 1684 at Dwingels, Neth. Chil: (1 mar.) Roelof, Annachen, Wennechyn, Aeltyn; (2 mar.) Wilhelm, Hellechen, Roelofyn.

3. Coert, b. 1637, Neth.; m. bef. 1664 Marretje Gerritse Van Couwenhoven; d. 1702. Chil: Steven; Marretje; Albert; Gerrit; Altje; Neeltje, b. 1676; Cor-

*The Book of Names, Especially Relating to the Palatines and the First Settlers in the Mohawk* by Lou D. MacWethy (1933).

The Library of the Society makes this blank acknowledgment of the receipt of numerous publications that come to it regularly. In order to save space a detailed acknowledgement to the organizations from whom they are received is now made but once yearly in DE HALVE MAEN.

## RELATIVE ANTIQUITY

THE one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of *The New York Sun* occurred last week, and a special edition of the newspaper paid tribute to its antiquity and accomplishments. Late last week *The Sun* confessed editorially that it felt rather humble when confronted by the claims to age of the established journals. But in a modest advertisement of the Collegiate School of the Dutch Reformed Church in the special edition appeared the following line: "When *The New York Sun* was founded the Collegiate School was starting its two hundredth first year."

nelis, b. 1678; Annatie, b. 1680; Johannes, b. 1680.

4. Lucas, b. 1650, Neth.; m. 1, Catherine F. Van Noostrand; m. 2, Jan. 26, 1689, Jannetje M. m. 3, 1703, Catharine Van Dyck; d. 1713. Chil: F. Jan; Stephen, b. 1677; Hans, b. 1679; Jannetje, b. Willemptje, b. 1683; Anna, b. 1686; Catryntje; Reinsche; Willemptje, b. 1694; Albert, b. 1698; F. Minne; Abraham; Teuntje, b. 1707.

5. Jan, b. 1652, Neth.; m. 1, Mar. 17, 1678, C. Reiners Wizzelpenning; m. 2, Oct. 8, 1680, F. Aukes Van Nuyse; d. bef. Nov. 20, 1735 (will prob. Chil: Stephen, b. 1679; Auke, b. 1682; Willem, b. 1684; Jan, b. 1686; Roelof; Magdalena; Lucas; Abraham; Femmetje; Jacobus.

6. Albert, b. Neth.; m. 1, Barrentje Willemse; Apr. 24, 1681, Tilletje Reiners Wizzelpenning; Helena Van der Schure; moved to Hackensack, Chil: Cornelia, b. 1681; Stephen, b. 1683; Steph. 1685; Jannetje; William, b. 1694; Margrietje, b. Lucas, b. 1699; Jacobus, b. 1700; Rachel, b. Albert, b. 1704; Petrus, b. 1706; Isaac, b. 1708; metje; Willemptje; Jan.

7. Altje, b. 1656, Neth.; m. 1673, Barent J. Ryder. Chil: Stephen, b. 1674; Jurian; Albert; 1680; Cornelis; Jan, b. 1685; Barnardus b. 1687.

8. Jannetje; m. 1, Jan Martense Schenck; Feb. 27, 1690, Alexander Sympson. Chil: (1 mar.) Marten, b. 1675; Willemptje, b. 1677; Stephen; Joh. b. 1682; Neeltje, b. 1683; Stephen, b. 1686; Altje; (2 mar.) Jannetie, b. 1719.

9. Hendrickje; m. 1, Jan Kierstede; m. 2, Albertse Terhune. Chil: (2 mar.) Willemptje, b. Albert; Jan; Antie; Gerrebrecht; Willemptje; St. Maratie; Gertruyd; Rachel, b. 1690.

10. Abraham; m. Altje Jacobuse Strycker. Chil:









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## BANQUET OF 1934

REPEATING a custom begun at the Annual Meeting of 1932, when ladies were invited for the first time to participate in a Holland Society function, *de goede vrouwen* of many a Society household attended on January 18 the chief formal gathering of the year—the Annual Banquet.

To give those in attendance the merest foretaste of next year's Annual Banquet, which will celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Society's founding, the affair was carefully planned by a committee under the direction of Trustee Arthur Wendell. Just a handful fewer than four hundred persons attended and heard addresses by William Spear, general attorney of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, and Judge Harold B. Ellis of the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Jersey.

They enjoyed also a talk by Grenville T. Emmet, newly-appointed American Minister to The Hague,

who read the message from Trustee Franklin D. Roosevelt printed below, and they applauded the music of Sheridan Russell, English violoncellist. Although Jonkheer H. M. van Haersma de With, the new Minister from the Netherlands, was unable to be present, having just arrived at his new post, he was fittingly represented by Consul General W. P. Montijn.

## ANNUAL MEETING

THE Annual Meeting will be held this year on April 6 in the Hotel Astor, New York, as usual, at eight o'clock. After the formal business Dr. Roy Waldo Miner, Curator of Lower Invertebrates of the American Museum of Natural History, will present "A Drama of the Microscope," illustrated by motion pictures and lantern slides, which will show the romance of the microscopic world in the bottom of a pond. The customary collation will be served.

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO THE SOCIETY

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States and a Trustee of The Holland Society, sent a message to the Society's Annual Banquet through Mr. Grenville T. Emmet:

Will you be good enough to read the following message at the Holland Society dinner this evening?:

I do not need to tell you, my old associates of The Holland Society, my deep interest in the Society. I am sure that my presence this evening, rather than my words, could indicate how real this interest is, but you have perhaps had occasion to know, my duties in Washington are

too heavy to permit me to be absent from the Capital at this time.

"I am sure that a great many of you must have known personally, as I did, Mr. J. H. van Roijen, who represented his Queen and the Government of the Netherlands in the United States for over six years. His death in August of 1933 was a cause of profound regret to this Government and to his many friends in the United States, and I know that you join with me in feeling that his presence is sadly missed. Mr. van Roijen's successor, Jonkheer H. M. van Haersma de With, has just arrived in Washington, and I am looking for-

ward in a few days to receiving him at the White House. I am sure that he will carry out the friendly traditions personified by Mr. van Roijen.

"In sending Mr. Emmet as our representative to the Netherlands I do so because my long intimate friendship for him gives me assurance that he will be welcomed in the Netherlands as an American gentleman worthy of the trust and friendship of the Queen, the Government, and the people of the nation from which the ancestors of the members of The Holland Society came to America.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."





## CHATS WITH A DUTCH UNCLE

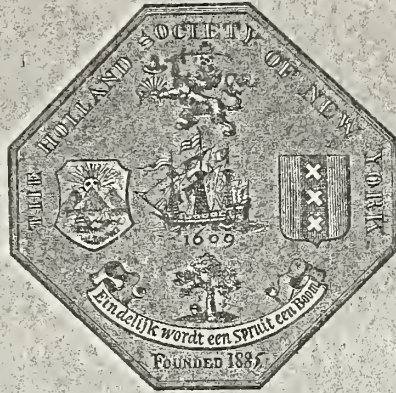
"NEW YORK CITY," said the Dutch Uncle, "talks seriously of abolishing its Board of Aldermen. When it does, descendants of Manhattan's first Dutchmen may be pardoned a chuckle. One more evidence of the short-lived first British occupancy of Nieuw Amsterdam will have been thrown into the discard. Aldermen were first known here in 1665, soon after that bloodless assault. They assumed civic heirship to the powers of burgomasters and *schepers*. After the Dutch recapture, and the later relinquishment of the colony under the Treaty of Westminster, aldermen again flourished. By that time citizens were looking to the Mayor and the City Hall for their rule, instead of the Governor-General and the *Stadthuy*s.

"New York's Mayor sits in the Board of Estimate hearing room beneath the ancient seal of New Netherland, and overhead the Dutch colors—orange, white, and blue—whip in the wind. Not many years ago this Dutch-inspired flag with its Dutch coat of arms was adopted in celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the British-born Board of Aldermen. If aldermen vanish, these other symbols of the first settlers will remain. Even the 'mayor's lights'—a relic of Dutch days in spite of their name—still burn in the city.

"Just why two lanterns were hung on poles outside the door of the settlement's executive officer in Nieuw Amsterdam's early days is a trifle obscure, but legend has it that sometimes they aided in guiding *mynheer* home after an evening at the tavern. Those who now campaign for 'visible house numbers' should note the origin in our first thoroughfares of a custom that answered the same purpose. The practice of marking the mayor's portal with a pair of lights has continued from that day to this.

"When the lately unlamented winter's snows blanketed Manhattan's highways, the city no doubt wished that Minuit had paid a little less and had bought only, say, half the island. With the municipal trucks and tractors pushing the drifts about, it was odd to note that no matter how dirty this rolling stock became, its Dutch colors made it brilliantly conspicuous against any background. Waste paper receptacles, although they are in the same hues, seem to attract less attention, and the leading burghers of today have added a little jingle to remind the populace about keeping the city clean. Since Stuyvesant's time, when the streets were a daily source of complaint, not a great deal of improvement has been noticed. Even when rubbish miraculously disappears from the streets, someone always seems to be digging up the pavements to see whether the soil bought in 1626 is still there."

## THE SOCIETY'S SEAL



THE SEAL of The Holland and Society of New York, appears on the Society's its official stationery, and notices of meetings, has a definite meaning. Its shape is similar to that of coins used in Holland about 1574 and the emblems upon it copied from coins and used there subsequent to the Confederation of the United Provinces of the Netherlands, which took place under the Union of Utrecht, 1579.

Described in heraldic terms, these are the emblems and meanings:

In chief, the arms of the Netherlands—a lion rampant, holding in dexter paw a curved sword, partly unsheathed, and encircled with a wreath of laurel of seven leaves, showing seven States; in sinister paw a bunch of seven arrows, tied—also symbolical of the unity of seven states—and supporting the liberty-hat.

In fess sinister, the arms of the City of Amsterdam granted by Count William to the city in the year 1242—gules, a pale saltire thereon three Latin crosses in saltire argent.

In dexter, the arms of the State of New York.

In base, a tree (the device of the Princess of Nassau, signifying that this vigorous sapling derived its glory from the parent branches), and underneath, the motto, *Eindelijk wordt een Storm een Boom*. The motto rendered in Latin is *Tandem fit surculus arbor*, and is taken from a medal of the period of 1605. According to Dingman Versteeg, former translator for the Society, the Dutch words mean about the same as "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

Around the upper half of the seal is the title of the Society and beneath the motto is the date of its founding.

## A GARDEN PARTY

MEMBERS of this Society, with the ladies of their families, are invited to take part in the celebration of the birth of Princess Juliana, which this year is to be in the form of a garden party at the Bulb Garden of John Scheepers, Inc., Brooklyn, Long Island, on Saturday afternoon, April 28. There will be dances and Dutch songs rendered by artists in Dutch costume under the direction of Mr. Louis Dornay, noted Dutch tenor, and other amusement features typical of the Netherlands. Tea, as well as the service of refreshments, are all covered by the admission fee. The entertainment will begin at three o'clock and will be given on the lawn amid a profusion of spring flowers at the time of the season when the blooms are at their height. The garden is on the Northern Boulevard about four miles east of Manhattan. Buses will meet Long Island Railroad trains at Greenvale.





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## NOT UNTIED

YARNS about the great boundary line dispute  
between Delaware and New Jersey have been  
about three hundred years. Only the other  
courts unwound the red tape and told just  
the land lies.

Uncertain who won the altercation. A single  
column of a Philadelphia newspaper gave the decis-  
ion to Delaware on its front page and to New Jersey  
editorial columns.

Disputations dating back several centuries are  
all settled, by any means. New Jersey got a  
bit of lower New York that split the historic  
Man Patent in two, but still likes to accuse New  
York of robbing her of Staten Island. The long  
boundary line feud between New York and Con-  
necticut has been closed these many years, but  
will the multiplicity of heirs to the estate of  
Jans Bogardus stop periodically asking the  
court to return them their skyscraper-strewn  
land just outside *De Waal* of Nieuw Amsterdam?  
It was a royal gesture, indeed, when one Charles  
King of England, gave his beloved brother, the  
King of Albany and York, vast areas of land neither  
seen. Had he not done so, the colonies'  
boundary lines never would have become so tan-  
gled and the heading at the top of this column  
be: The Dutch Burghers' Society of Nieuw  
Amsterdam.

## TRUSTEES' MEETING

For one more year new Holland Society mem-  
bers will be exempt from payment of the ad-  
mission fee, in accordance with a motion passed by  
the Trustees at a meeting in the Williams Club, 24  
East Thirty-ninth Street, New York, March 8. The  
Constitution was amended at the 1933 Annual  
Meeting to permit the waiving of this fee for that  
year, and to give the Trustees power to extend the  
period if necessary.

President Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., asked for  
lusty efforts on the Trustees' part to build the  
Society's membership up to its limit of one thou-  
sand annual members before the beginning of the  
Fiftieth Anniversary Year, 1935. Secretary Walter  
M. Meserole's report showed that after the election  
of eight new members the roster was still 151 mem-  
bers short of its maximum. Judge Ackerson is con-  
fident that this number can be gained in the re-  
maining months.

Dr. J. Wilson Poucher reported that the writing  
of the second volume of *Dutch Houses Before 1776*  
could be completed before the end of this year.

Wednesday, May 2, was fixed as the date of the  
annual Joint Meeting of Trustees and Vice Presi-  
dents, with the place to be designated later. Assur-  
ance was given that committees would start work  
on Fiftieth Anniversary Year plans soon after the  
Annual Meeting.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE Holland Society of New York welcomes  
the following persons, elected to membership  
by the Trustees March 8:

Marston Taylor Bogert	New York City
Cornelius de Witt	Virginia Beach, Va.
Harrison Deyo	New York City
Leib Deyo	New York City
Arthur Craig Quick	South Haven, Mich.
Lewis Beck Sebring	Schenectady, N.Y.
Lewis Beck Sebring, Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Frank Hanley Vedder	New York City

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed  
in recording these names of members who have  
died recently:

<i>Fred Deyo</i>	<i>New Paltz, N. Y.</i>
<i>Isaac E. Ditmars</i>	<i>Scarsdale, N. Y.</i>
<i>John Rapelje</i>	<i>Hopewell Junction, N. Y.</i>
<i>Peter Stryker</i>	<i>Madison, N. J.</i>
<i>Dudley S. Van Antwerp</i>	<i>Upper Montclair, N. J.</i>
<i>Harold W. Vanderpoel</i>	<i>New York, N. Y.</i>
<i>Francis S. van der Veer</i>	<i>Scarsdale, N. Y.</i>
<i>Wentworth D. Vedder, M.D.</i>	<i>Pottstown, Pa.</i>





## ON OUR BOOK SHELF

THE LIBRARY of the Society has recently received the following books:



From the Rev. Harry Howe Bogert: *Additional Hymns Adopted by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America at their Session June, 1831*. Also *A Treatise on that Being Born Again Without Which No Man Can Be Saved*, by Samuel Wright, D.D. (1813). Also *History and Characteristics of the Reformed Dutch Church*, by David D. Demarest (1856).

From Library of Congress: *Report of the Librarian of Congress for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1933*.

From American Historical Association: *Annual Report 1930, Vol. XI, Writings on American History*; and *Vol. IV, The Diary of Edward Bates, 1859-1866*, by Howard K. Beale.

From Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York: *177th Anniversary Banquet Speeches, 1933*.

From Alma Rogers Van Hoesenberg: *The Heroes of Albany*, by Rufus W. Clark, D.D. (1866). Also *History of the City of Albany*, by Arthur James Weise, M.A.

## GENEALOGICAL NOTES—MORE ABOUT VAN VOORHEES

This department, which was opened in the previous issue under the direction of Mr. Howard S. F. Randolph, is designed to give information about the earlier generations of old families and to correct any erroneous, long-accepted statements. Thanks are extended to those who gave the information below, which enables the original text to be corrected. The next issue will contain early generations of the SCHENCK family, and Mr. Randolph will appreciate receiving any newly-discovered Schenck material before June 1. Further VAN VOORHEES corrections, if received before that time, will also be printed.

MR. A. J. F. VAN LAER, Archivist of the University of the State of New York, writes: "I have for years been curious to locate Voorhees in Drenthe. The explanation 'in front' of Hees does not satisfy me. *Nomina Geographica Neerlandica*, vol. V, under place names in Drenthe (Drenthe), does not mention Voorhees, but curiously enough, among citations of different forms of the place name Hees, mentions 'Coerd to Hees', in court minutes of 1542."

Dr. Oscar M. Voorhees, president of The Van Voorhees Association, and Miss Lesley E. Voorhees of Richmond Hill, L. I., give several corrections. The will of "John Kiersen," dated Aug. 4, 1705, prob. Sept. 3, 1705, and published in the collections of the N. Y. Hist. Soc., 1892, p. 409 (and corrections in vol. 1907, p. 45), casts new light on the family of Stephen Coerte van Voorhees. He is the "Jan Kiers" who married Hendrickjen, the oldest child of Stephen Coerte, and he came over with his wife on the same boat, *De Bonte Koe*, that brought the van Voorhees family (Holland Soc. Year Book, 1902, p. 13), not afterward, as generally stated. In his

From Mrs. William Gorham Rice: *In the Carillon Country*, by Harriet Langdon Pruyn Rice (1933).

By purchase the Society has acquired the following works: *Beekman and Van Dyke Genealogy*, William B. Aitken (1912). Also *The Early History of Saugerties*, by Benjamin Myer Brink (1902).

## NEW JERSEY'S PAST

AN INVITATION to attend the Second Annual New Jersey Historical Congress at Atlantic City, April 5 to 8, has been extended to all members of The Holland Society. There will be exhibits showing New Jersey's part in colonizing its territory, and a group of able speakers will present New Jersey's historical claims from every angle. One of them is to be Walter H. Van Hoesen, member of the Union County Branch of The Holland Society, who will speak on "Life and Industry of the Early Dutch in New Jersey."

MONMOUTH County Branch has changed its Annual Meeting date so that the terms of its officers more nearly coincide with those of the parent Society. It would be helpful if all Branches would move to bring about similar result. At a meeting March 5 Monmouth's elections were confirmed.

will he does not mention his wife, but does mention sister Martie (Merghin, No. 2), and her brother Kiersen (No. 3). Then he mentions her half brothers and sisters: Lucas (No. 4), John (No. 5), Albert (No. 6), heirs Altie (No. 7), and heirs of Janetie (No. 8). No mention is made of the second Hendrickje (No. 9), or Abraham (No. 10). [The numbers refer to genealogical tabulation in the previous issue].

This will definitely proves that the first three children of Hendrickjen, Merghin (Martie), and Coert (b. 1650) were by one mother, whose name remains unknown. The supposition is that all the rest of the children of Stephen Coerte were by his second wife, and that she was Hendrickje Roelofse Seubering, whom he had married in the Netherlands before 1650, and not in this country. It is to be noted that every child of this second wife, except Altje and Abraham, had a daughter named Willemine. So the corrections should read as follows:

"Stephen Coerte van Voorhees mar. 1 in Neth., of wife unknown; mar. 2 in Neth. bef. 1650, Willemine Roelofse Seubering. Chil; (first three by first wife, seven by second wife):

"1. Hendrickjen, m. Jan Kiers; em. with father.

"2. Merghin (Martie), living 1684 at Dwingelo,

"9. Hendrickje, possibly named for her deceased sister, mar. Albert Albertse Terhune." There is evidence that she mar. 1 a Jan Kierstede, and it seems there is confusion here with the marriage of her sister of the same name with Jan Kiers (Kiersen).

"10. Abraham." More research is necessary to determine if Abraham was a son of Stephen Coerte van Voorhees.







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### TRUSTEES' MEETING

OWING to unusual circumstances, chiefly the fact that the Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet would follow the Autumn meeting quite closely, the Trustees voted to omit the Autumn meeting this year and to schedule presentation of the Society's Gold Medal for the Annual Meeting, April 8, 1935. Action was taken at a meeting of the Trustees held on the invitation of President Ackerson in the Union League Club, New York, June 14.

Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, chairman of a committee preparing the Society's second book concerning old Dutch houses of New Netherland, announced that the volume may be published in time for the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration. This work, although it will be issued under the Society's auspices, is not financed by the Society, but, as was the former volume, is underwritten by a group of Society members.

The Trustees voted favorably upon several recommendations for economy in the Society's activities that were suggested by the Finance Committee (Continued on Page Four)

### COUNTY SEATS

WESTCHESTER County Branch, represented by Vice-President John S. Van Horne, announced at the Annual Joint Meeting of Vice-Presidents and

### BIRTHDAY GIFT

ON MARCH 21, 1935, The Holland Society of New York will be fifty years old.

What more appropriate birthday gift can be made by her loyal sons than the addition of 142 new members, thereby increasing the enrollment to the constitutional limit of 1,000?

Every member has relatives or friends who are eligible for membership and only await an invitation to join. Now is the propitious time, as the usual admission fee has been waived for the current year and the economic situation is happily brightening.

We, therefore, appeal to every member to do his part in assuring this birthday gift, so that the goal may be reached in time to be announced at our Anniversary Banquet on January 17, 1935.

HENRY E. ACKERSON, JR.,  
*President.*

Trustees held May 2 at the Union League Club, New York, a gift of three chairs to help furnish the enlarged Society offices at 90 West Street. They are reproductions of an early Dutch type, selected to harmonize with the contemplated scheme of furnishing the rooms. President Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., accepted them for the Society.

The gathering was one of the most enthusiastic of its kind held in recent years. Reports from the branches and forecasts of future activities were heard. President Ackerson spoke of plans to give the younger members especial functions in the Society, and Secretary Walter M. Meserole thanked the vice-presidents for their help in making the Annual Banquet a success.

### ANNUAL MEETING

HENRY E. ACKERSON, JR., President of The Holland Society since last October, succeeding the late Edwin H. Updike,

was reelected at the Annual Meeting April 6 in the Hotel Astor, New York. Others on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee were voted into office, among them Ottomar H. Van Norden, new Trustee; Walter M. Meserole, re-elected Secretary, and John de C. Van Etten, re-elected Treasurer.

Dr. Roy Waldo Miner, Curator of Lower Invertebrates of the American Museum of Natural History, presented "A Drama of the Microscope."





## MAJOR ANDRÉ'S PRISON

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MATILDA BROWNE (MRS. FREDERICK VAN WYCK)

BY FREDERICK VAN WYCK\*

ONE of the most delightful motor trips in the neighborhood of New York is up the Jersey banks of the Hudson to the scene of Major John André's imprisonment.

Tappan, New York, is a forgotten old town, with narrow, crooked streets, almost as it was 100 years ago. Tappan, New York, and Old Tappan, New Jersey, adjoin; and the dividing line between them is invisible to the visitor. Even the most modern houses here have a passed-by look.

Our first visit was to André's Prison, where

Major André was held under guard for five days after his capture by American troops. He was imprisoned in a room on the northwest lacking any heat, until called into an adjoining room where, before the fire, he stood while his death sentence was read out to him Oct. 1, 1780.



*Before this fireplace Major André heard his death sentence read*

It is a most interesting house, although time has made some changes in it. It was built in 1755 of stone and brick, and has always been a tavern. The original bar, 177 years old, is there in all its glory. There many a traveller has quenched his thirst; and all good men and true stopped there to pass a word or so with the genial host.

My recollection of it dates from the time I raced horses on the Orangeburg track a few miles north.

Besides the André prison room, and the other room shown here, there are two large chambers on the ground floor. The old tavern is on the principal street of the village, and is called the '76 House. Don't miss it. Besides its history, you will find within a collection of Revolutionary fire-arms and utensils well worth examination; and in addition some old prints, and a lot of ancient harness and yokes and the like.

A SHORT drive will take you to Washington's Headquarters, built in 1700, where Washington

\* Mr. Van Wyck, a Holland Society member, is the author of a number of books, among them *Recollections of an Old New Yorker*, a volume unusually successful for one of its kind.

signed the death-warrant that condemned André to be hanged. It was a sad duty General Washington had to perform; but André had been caught within our lines talking with Benedict Arnold, who had promised to surrender West Point to the British, and there was no other course for General Washington to pursue.

Unfortunately, the restoration of this Headquarters has not followed out the spirit of Dutch Colonial architecture and has been a disappointment to many. But nearby there remain many houses, built long before the Revolution, that are true Colonial types and well worth visiting.

The type of Dutch farmhouse that these buildings represent was brought from Holland by the Netherland settlers who, some believe, had adapted it from Chinese styles. They had seen and admired the steep, overhanging eaves, back and front, during their trips to the Orient while Dutch vessels still roamed the seas of the world. Others contend that this architecture was developed independently in New Netherland.

Near one of these houses we met a yoke of oxen hauling a load of hay, just as leisurely as if it were 1776 instead of 1934; and a very domestic and pretty sight it was. They were guided by a young man holding a branch of a tree to use as a whip, and calling "Gee! Haw!" to them, in the sing-song voice used, since the beginning of our history, to guide oxen. The graceful swaying of the yoked beasts as they walked slowly along seemed to obliterate the present, and made one question whether one were really in the automobile age.

ONE reason for the heavy frames in these old houses was that the best of the grain raised on the farms was selected and stored in the gar-

rets for seed for the following year. Such seed wheat is very heavy. And even now, after a century has passed, if you will look as carefully as I did, you will find buckwheat kernels, as sound and bright as they were the day they were stored. If you should plant them now, they



*André's prison room, '76 House*

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of the Society.

## JOHN O'GROAT'S HOUSE

A BRAW laddiewas John O'Groat; but hewasn't  
a Scot, nor was he Irish, as his name might  
imply. Legend says that 'way back yonder, at a time  
when the memory of man runneth not to the con-  
founding, an adventurous Dutchman, John from Groot,  
built an inn on Duncan's Bay Head, the most  
northerly point in Scotland. Other members of his  
family, so the story goes, built homes near by, and it  
was customary for them to gather at John's house  
once a year for a reunion feast. When eight families  
quarreled over precedence at the dinner table, John  
O'Groat brought his Dutch horse sense into play and  
built an octagonal house with eight doors so that  
the master of each family could enter by a separate  
door and sit at the head of his own table.

This Dutchman's house has passed into the ver-  
gular in England, for the phrase "from Land's  
End to John O'Groat's house" is the counterpart  
of the ancient "from Dan to Beersheba" and the  
American spellbinder's utterance, "from the rock-  
bound coast of Maine to the sunny shores of Cali-  
fornia." The traditional site is a small knoll, now  
marked with a flag pole.

THE DATE 1609 on Page One is not the date of  
founding of this publication; it records when Henry  
Hudson's ship, *De Halve Maen*, reached these shores.  
But *DE HALVE MAEN* is in its thirteenth year.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



The Library of the Society has recently  
received the following books as gifts:  
From Miss Alma R. Van Hoevenberg:  
*Register of the Military Order of Foreign  
Wars of the United States* (1900).

From The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick:  
*1933 Year Book*.

From Mr. Lewis B. Sebring, Jr.: *Life of Lewis C. Beck,  
M.D.*, compiled by Lewis B. Sebring and Lewis B.  
Sebring, Jr., (1934).

From Mr. John V. B. Wicoff: *The Wyckoff Family in  
America*, edited and published by Mr. and Mrs. M. B.  
Streeter (1934).

From The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: *Year  
Book, 1932-1934*.

From Mr. Andrew J. Provost, Jr.: *A History of the  
Provoost Family, 1545-1724*, by David Provost.

From St. Nicholas Society of New York: *Genealogical  
Record, Volume IV, 1934*.

By purchase the Library has acquired the following  
works:

Four typewritten indexed volumes of the records of  
the First Dutch Reformed Church of Jamaica, Long  
Island, covering baptisms from 1702-1851 and marriages  
from 1803-1851.

*The Passaic Valley, New Jersey*, two volumes by John  
Whitehead, LL.D. (1901).

Montgomery County, New York, marriage records,  
1795-1876, indexed.

*Lutheran Trinity Church of Stone Arabia, New York*  
(pamphlet).

Records of the Brick Presbyterian Church of New  
York City, 1809-1908, by Shepherd Knapp (1909).

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE Holland Society of New York welcomes  
the following persons, elected to membership  
by the Trustees June 14:

Eugene Powelson Bogert	Palisades Park, N. J.
Willis Clark Conover	Governors Island, N. Y.
John Sherman De Lamater	New Brighton, N. Y.
Henry Gregory Gulick	Middletown, N. J.
Walter Hasbrouck, Jr.	New Paltz, N. Y.
Frederick Pomeroy Palen, Jr.	New York, N. Y.
Harry Lewis Stoutenburgh	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Calvin Voorhis Vanderbeek	Mahwah, N. J.
Frank John Vande Water	Rockville Center, N.Y.
George Van Wickle Voorhees	Somerville, N. J.
Albert L. Vreeland	East Orange, N. J.
William Pharo Wiltsee	Roanoke, Va.
Halsey Peter Wyckoff	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in  
recording these names of members who have died  
recently:

Alexander Reading Gulick	New York, N. Y.
James Suydam Polhemus	Newark, N. J.
Joseph H. Skillman	Huntington, L. I.





## GENEALOGICAL NOTES—SCHENCK FAMILIES

*This department, which seeks to correct errors in long-established genealogical information, requests from readers any such corrections or additions to the early generations of New Netherland families published here. Address Mr. Howard S. F. Randolph, 231 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York.*

THERE are two separate and distinct families by the name of Schenck who came to America, the first in 1650, and the second in 1683. Only the first of these families will be discussed in this issue.

A Martin Schenck is said to have been born in Doesburg, Gelderland, Netherlands, on Aug. 7, 1584. It has been asserted that he came to New Netherland on *de Valckener* June 28, 1650\*; but no record of this early Martin Schenck has been found in this country. Roelof, Jan and Antje Schenck, all children of a Martin Schenck, appeared in Flatlands, Long Island, at an early date, and from the Oaths of Allegiance taken by Roelof and Jan at Flatlands in 1687, in which they each stated that they had been here 37 years, it is known that they came over in 1650.

1. Roelof Martensen Schenck, em. 1650; will dated Sept. 4, 1704, proved July 26, 1705; mar. 1st (ab. 1660), Neeltje Gerretse, dau. of Gerret Wolfertsen van Couwenhoven; mar. 2d (ab. 1675), Annetie Pieters, dau. of Pieter Claesen Wyckoff; mar. 3d, Nov. 19, 1688, Catherine Cregier, widow of Stoffel Hooglandt.

Children. By first wife:—Martin, b. June 22, 1661\*, Anake, b. ab. 1663\*, Janike, b. ab. 1665\*, Marytie, b. Feb. 14, 1667\*, Jan, b. Mar. 1, 1670\*, and Garritt, b. Oct. 27, 1671\*. By second wife: all bap. at Flatbush: Margaritie, bap. Jan. 16, 1678, Neeltje, bap. Apr. 15, 1682, Mayken, bap. Jan. 27, 1684, and Sara, bap. Dec. 18, 1685.

2. Jan Martensen Schenck, em. 1650; will dated

\* These dates have been repeatedly stated, but no authority for them in contemporaneous records has been found.

### TRUSTEES' MEETING

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through Chairman Charles M. Dutcher. Among these recommendations was one to discontinue the publication of death notices of members, which have appeared for many years in the obituary columns of *The New York Times*. In accordance with the motion passed by the Trustees, these death notices will no longer appear.

The Trustees elected thirteen applicants to Society membership. Announcement was made that four members who joined the Society fifty years ago are still on the rolls.

Jan. 28, 1688/9; mar. Jannitje Stevense van Voorhees, who mar. 2d, Feb. 27, 1690, Alexander Symson. Children: Jannetje, Martin, Willamentie, Stephen, bap. Oct. 2, 1681, d. y., Jan., bap. Nov. 5, 1682, d. y., Neeltje, bap. Nov. 23, 1683, Stephen, bap. Jan. 22, 1686\*, and he is said to have had two other daughters, Aaltje and Antje.

3. Antje Martense Schenck, said to have em. 1650; mar. July 29, 1659\* Adrian Ryersz.

### THE SURNAME VOORHEES

"Dutch place names with the prefixes *voor-* (before, outer) and *achter-* (after, back) are not uncommon," says Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout, one of our Staten Island members. "In the province of Drenthe, near Coevorden, we find two neighboring hamlets called Voorkamp and Achterkamp. The prefixes in such cases have the force of adjectives. Voorkamp signifies Outer-Kamp, and Achterkamp Back-Kamp. Compare the Dutch name Achter Kill meaning 'the back channel,' now corrupted to Arthur Kill. Also, the words *voorhaven*, which means 'outport,' and *voorpost*, meaning 'outpost.' In some localities in Holland we find only a *Voor-* or an *Achter-* which would seem to imply that there was at one time a corresponding village of similar name, located near by, which no longer exists.

"With reference to the place name 'Voorhees,' which is no longer found on Dutch maps," continues Dr. Haughwout, "it is interesting to note that in the province of Limburg there is a Voorste Hees and an Achterste Hees, the prefixes in these cases being the superlatives of *voor-* and *achter-*. The Van Voorhees family, however, is of Drenthe origin. The village of Hees, near Ruinen, at one time may have had a twin named Voor-Hees or Achter-Hees, which has since disappeared. In such case, the survivor may well have dropped its own prefix, whichever it was, leaving simply the name Hees, as it now appears on the maps."

### MAJOR ANDRÉ'S PRISON

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would grow and produce as fine grain as they would have 100 or more years ago.

Buckwheat was one of the main crops of former days, as it makes very nourishing food. Buckwheat cakes and molasses were ever present on the breakfast tables of our ancestors.

People have an incorrect impression, in many cases, that these garrets were used for bedrooms. Now and then they were, when a family outgrew its quarters, but the gambrel roofs were customarily built without the dormer windows now seen in them, and were usually storerooms.







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## ROOSEVELT TO ADDRESS ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

PRESIDENT Franklin D. Roosevelt has accepted The Holland Society's invitation to be the guest of honor and the speaker at the Society's Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet, January 17, it was announced at the Trustees' Meeting at the Williams Club, New York, October 11. The announcement was made jointly by Society President Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., chairman of the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee, and Trustee Arthur R. Wendell, chairman of the Banquet Committee. Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, the President's mother, are also expected to be present.

An innovation at the annual banquet this year will favor the young people: there will be a dance after the banquet and speaking. Ladies, of course, are to be invited, following the custom recently established. The price of tickets will be about the same as in recent years. The event will be in every respect a true Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, according to Mr. Wendell. His committee, he said, was to insist that the *huts*pot, without which no Holland Society banquet is complete, be prepared according to an ancient tried and tested recipe.

Owing to the emphasis being placed on the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, this year's Autumn Meeting will be omitted. The Gold Medal of the Society will be presented at the April meeting to Justice Frederick E. Crane of the New York State Court of Appeals.

Secretary Walter M. Meserole reported that a committee of the Trustees, in the name of the Society, had helped entertain a group of Dutch school children who visited New York this past summer. He announced, after fifteen applications for membership had been approved by the Trustees, that the Society's membership

stands at 952, including ninety life members not subject to constitutional limitation.

Trustee Arthur S. Van Buskirk, chairman of the Membership Committee, pointed out that many of the new members were relatives of present members of the Society, and suggested that all Holland Society men canvass their own families in an effort to increase the membership.

A report by Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, chairman of the committee preparing the Society's second book on old Dutch houses, indicated that work had progressed so far that the manuscript is expected to go to the publisher soon.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons, elected to membership by the Trustees October 11:

• William Cairns Banta, Jr. (nephew), Ridgewood, New Jersey. Proposed by Herbert Vincent Banta, seconded by Arthur John Hopper.

• Nicholas G. Blauvelt (nephew), Lynbrook, Long Island. By Wilfred B. Talman and Walter M. Meserole.

• Louis L. Blauvelt, Newark, New Jersey. By Wilfred B. Talman and Howard S. F. Randolph.

• Hubert Brink (nephew), Lake Katrine, New York. By Theodore Brink and Gilbert D. B. Hasbrouck.

• Henry Bristol Decker (brother), Colwick, New Jersey. By William E. Decker and Charles E. Hendrickson.

• John Philip Kipp (son), Passaic, New Jersey. By Reuben E. Kipp and Donald B. Kipp.

• Harold Douglas Schenck, Poughkeepsie, New York. (Please Turn to Page Four)







## "'TIS A VENERABLE NAME!"

BY LEWIS BECK SEBRING, JR.\*

OF ALL the branches of genealogical research, one of the most fascinating, and yet tantalizing, is the study of the meaning of family names. The opportunities are boundless, and yet so full of pitfalls, particularly in the case of Dutch ancestry, that the prospect of ultimate success is at once hopeless and alluring.

It might seem an easy task to sit down with a map of the Netherlands, a Dutch dictionary, and a list of, say, two hundred names of the early Dutch settlers in the New World, and expect to cull many of the derivations therefrom, but before more than a few are scanned, the task will grow to impossible proportions. From such methods has developed much of the amazing misinformation which abounds in popular histories of the early settlements, based on wild guesses and lack of that minute attention to details which must be necessary to the success of any accurate research.

In this limited space, therefore, we cannot hope to cover more than a sketchy outline of the subject, but even this may serve to arouse an interest that will be reflected in correspondence and further research which may bring to The Holland Society the beginning of a list later to prove valuable.

A list of some one hundred names was taken at random from The Holland Society records and other sources. From the timetable of the Netherlands Railway, as the most readily available record of existing Dutch towns, was taken a list of geographical names, against which the "vans" might be checked. A general knowledge of the Dutch language was to be used for the remainder of the task. Then came the realization that the task ahead was one for a lifetime study. Many of the apparently simplest names assumed terrifying proportions.

WE WERE forced to turn for assistance to Mr. William J. Hoffman, a member of the publication committee of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, himself a native of the Netherlands and probably the ablest authority in New York City on early Dutch nomenclature. He convinced us more than ever that the remainder of one's life could well be passed in a study of the subject. A series of articles—"An Armory of American Families of Dutch Descent"—by Mr. Hoffman in *The Record* of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society also furnished considerable information, as did an article entitled "Representative Pioneer Settlers of New Netherlands and Their Original Home Places," by Richard Schermerhorn, Jr., in the January, 1934, issue of *The Record*.

Perhaps one of the best examples of family name origins adduced by Mr. Hoffman in his excellent series is that of Wouter van Twiller, one of the early directors-general of New Netherland. The name, he says, came

\*Mr. Sebring is assistant night city editor of *The New York Herald Tribune*, and became a member of The Holland Society of New York in March, 1934.

from an estate in the neighborhood of Nijkerk in the province of Gelderland—*Het Oude Willaer*, the Willaer. *Het* is the Dutch neuter definite article, differentiated from the masculine-feminine article

*Van het Willaer* was the logical definition for a person "from" the estate, *van* carrying the meaning of either "from" or "of." In accordance with Dutch usage, *het* was abbreviated to 't, so that the next step was *van 't Willaer*, then came *van 't Willer*, and finally *van Twiller*. It is a perfect example of the evolution of a Dutch name of its type.

NOT ALL of the "van" names, however, are so easily followed, nor, in fact, would it have been a simple matter to trace Van Twiller without a knowledge of the names of the old estates, or large farms, scattered throughout the Netherlands of the Middle Ages. Names of this prefix apparently similar in meaning may have originated at widely separated points, while many of those which seemingly originate in present-day towns may originally have had nothing to do with the towns.

Another stumbling block pointed out by Mr. Hoffman in *The Record* is that of similar names having no relationship, such as van Doorn. He says of this:

"The name van Doorn is derived as are many Dutch family names from a locality and has been used by numerous families among which existed no relationship whatever. To assume relationship based on similarity of name only, without any further indication of a possible relationship which renders such an assumption probable, is especially in Dutch genealogy dangerous, and yet is the most common mistake made in a large number of genealogical writings."

The meaning of Doorn is, as might be suspected, "thorn." In its Dutch form, the name probably is best known at the present time as that of a village in the province of Utrecht where the former German Emperor is in exile. Another variation of the name is van Doren, which might conceivably be a phonetic spelling of van Doorn, inasmuch as the Dutch are given to rolling their "r's" and the spoken pronunciation of Doorn would be very much like Doren.

Names derived from colors are common in Dutch, as in other languages. For example, Bruyn, or more properly *Bruijn*, which obviously means "brown." In this particular instance, *Bruijn* is also common as a first name. The Brauns of Germany and the Browns of England have a common heritage in the name, but how far apart they are in relationship!

De Witt is another derivation from a color, "white," and the name probably first was bestowed as a nickname, or means of personal identification, perhaps because of light hair.

In the "C" list we shall select only two names, both simple in meaning. The first is Coster, which means "sexton," and is spelled *Koster* in Dutch.

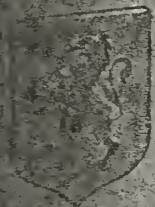
The other is Cryger, of (Please Turn to Page Four)





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## PERSONAL OBLIGATIONS

IN OUR EFFORTS to bring the membership of  
The Holland Society up to its constitutional  
limit of one thousand, we must stress the import-  
ance of the Society—the vital need for its exist-  
ence—to the descendants of the New Amsterdam  
Dutch and the other nationalities eligible. Our  
reluctance to seek new members in the manner of  
political parties, fraternal orders, and socialistic  
and communistic organizations is consistent with  
the attitude of patriotic and historical societies in  
general.

But is not our need for numerical strength as  
great? Are we not confronted by the problem of  
preserving Dutch traditions and Dutch traits of  
character? We have an obligation to posterity, our  
ancestors and our fellow Dutchmen's.

The spirit of the Society is not concerned with  
the worship and glorification of times and people  
of the past, but with the preservation by each one of  
him in his own particular way of something of value  
for the generation that is to follow—love of country,  
love of liberty, and respect for law and order. We  
have something worth preserving, and we insist  
that it is the duty of each person eligible to make a  
personal contribution, each in his day and genera-  
tion, before "Dutch traditions" become as extinct  
as Dutch windmills.

—JAMES H. PINCKNEY

## POUGHKEEPSIE DINNER

WHEN they met at the Nelson House, Pough-  
keepsie, on October 3, the anniversary of the  
siege of Leyden, nearly forty members of the  
Poughkeepsie District Branch heard President  
Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., of The Holland Society  
tell the story of the siege and explain its signif-  
icance. It was the forty-fifth annual dinner of the  
branch, and included *hutspot*, the stew with which  
the starving residents of Leyden broke their fast.

Judge Ackerson said that although liberty is held  
as sacred in the United States as it was in the  
Netherlands during the war with Spain, there is  
too much liberty "of the wrong kind" here at pre-  
sent. Other speakers were Secretary Walter M.  
Meserole and Trustee Arthur S. Van Buskirk. The  
officers of the Poughkeepsie District Branch were  
re-elected at the dinner. They are A. A. Schoon-  
maker, President, and Dr. John H. Dingman,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE Library of the Society has recently re-  
ceived the following books as gifts:

From Collegiate Reformed Church: *Year  
Book, 1934*, Vol. X, No. 5.

From National Society of Colonial Dames  
in State of New York: *Annual Report, 1934*.

From Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio: *Colonel  
A. W. Gilbert, Citizen Soldier of Cincinnati*, edited by William  
E. Smith and Ophia D. Smith.

From Sons of the American Revolution, Connecticut So-  
ciety: *Roster of Graves of or Monuments to Patriots of 1775-1783  
and of Soldiers of Colonial Wars in and Adjacent to New Haven  
County*, compiled by James S. Hedden.

From Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York:  
*Reports and Proceedings, July 1, 1933 to June 30, 1934*.

From Mrs. Edward Lee McClain: *The Washington Ancestry  
and Records of the McClain, Johnson and Forty Other Colonial  
American Families*, prepared for Edward Lee McClain by  
Charles Arthur Hoppin, in Three Volumes (1932).

From R. R. Hillman: *Old Dansbury and the Moravian Mis-  
sion*, by Ralf Ridgway Hillman (1934).

From The Pennsylvania Society: *Year Book, 1933-1934*.

From Ralph David Phillips: *Graveyard Inscriptions, North  
Schodack, N. Y.*

By purchase the Library has acquired the following:

*History of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties, N. J.*, by James  
P. Snell.

*Manual of the City of Brooklyn for 1869*.

During the year the Society has also received by exchange  
the regular publications of the following: The Fort Ticonde-  
roga Museum, The State Historical Society of Iowa, Kentucky  
State Historical Society, Maatschappij der Nederlandsche  
Letterkunde te Leiden, Michigan Historical Commission, The  
Minnesota Historical Society, The Genealogical Society of  
New Jersey, New Jersey Historical Society, New York Genea-  
logical and Biographical Society, New York Historical So-  
ciety, New York State Historical Association, State Histori-  
cal Society of North Dakota, The Historical Society of  
Pennsylvania, Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio,  
American Historical Association.





## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

(Continued from Page One)

By William A. Dutcher and J. Wilson Poucher, M.D.

✓Richard Paul Terhune, Hackensack, New Jersey.  
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✓Richard A. Springs, New York City. By Francklyn Hogeboom and Walter M. Meserole.

✓Fred Perry Van Horne, New York City. By Francis I. Vander Beek and Walter M. Meserole.

✓Edward Horsman Van Siden (son), Little Silver, New Jersey. By George West Van Siden and Ogden Brouwer, Jr.

✓Jesse Martin Van Wagenen, Poughkeepsie, New York. By J. Wilson Poucher and Frank B. Crispell.

✓C. Raymond Wicoff (cousin), Cranbury, New Jersey.  
By John V. B. Wicoff and Douglas B. Wicoff.

✓Benjamin J. Winne (nephew), Kingston, New York.  
By Bruyn Hasbrouck and Clarence H. Woolsey.

✓Albert James Zabriskie, Glen Rock, New Jersey. By Albert Zabriskie and Robert J. De Groat.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

Cornelius A. Cole

Willard Haff

Samuel Brower

Alson B. Ostrander

Ganson Depew

Edward Staggs

Joseph E. Hasbrouck

Edward Otis Van Aken

Raymond Hendrickson

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Cedar Grove, N. J.

Seattle, Wash.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Leonia, N. J.

Modena, N. Y.

Kingston, N. Y.

Chester, Pa.

## "TIS A VENERABLE NAME!"

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which a variation is Kruger, as well as Kreuger. To the student of German the derivation from *krieger*, or soldier, is obvious, while the Dutch form would be *krijger*, having the same meaning.

AT THIS point on our list we run across three names from the Huguenot—Cortelyou, Du Bois, and Hasbrouck—and they bring up another of the interesting problems arising in such a study. The latter name particularly seems to have a Dutch tinge, but it comes from a town in northern France, the home of Huguenots who fled from that country to the Netherlands during the religious persecution of the Sixteenth Century. The difficulty of separating the Dutch from the other European names is emphasized by Mr. Schermerhorn in his article in *The Record*, when he notes that names on the passenger lists of the early emigrant ships are not always certain guides, because of the shifting of whole blocks of the population due to religious strife.

Although many Huguenot and Walloon names are to be found in the Netherlands in that period, by the same token many original Dutch families were to be found in the Germanic states bordering their country, from which they fled also because of religious troubles.

This phase has nothing to do with the meanings of the names, but furnishes but one of many examples of the difficulties in attempting to place the families definitely so it can be determined whether their names might have Dutch, German, French or other meanings.

The name Bontecue, for instance, is of Huguenot origin, but it is easy to mistake it for a corruption of *bonte koe*, or "spotted cow," in Dutch. This will readily be recognized as the name of one of the ships which brought over many early Dutch settlers—*De Bonte Koe*. In browsing around in the eastern Netherlands a few years ago, we also found it to be the old name of a tiny hotel in Meppel, in the province of Drenthe. Only speculation, and no definite conclusions, can result as to whether the Huguenot and Dutch forms have any connection.

It may be well to mention here that the *koe* of Dutch is pronounced in English "coo," the "oe" taking an "oo" sound.

In connection with the Dutch forms of French names it is also interesting to note the name Rapelje. It is derived from the French *Rapelier*, but since the pronunciation corresponded to the Dutch *Rapelje*, the latter form naturally was adopted in the Netherlands. The Anglicized form, sometimes found in present-day family names, is Rapelye.

In our Dutch listing, we find in the next name, Garretson, a suffix which applied to many of the early names. In this case the name means "son of Gerret" or Gerhard, the Gerard of English. The "son" has been Anglicized; the usual Dutch form, widely encountered, and furnishing a notable clue in genealogical research, being, of course, *se*, although *sen* or *sz(oon)* are other forms. The present-day Martense Street in Brooklyn is an example of a name which has come down without change, meaning "son of Martin." Like many other similar names, this eventually became a family name.

In an early issue of *DE HALVE MAEN* Mr. Sebring will explain further what his researches have revealed about the surnames of Holland Society members.

## DUTCH BOY DEBUNKED

It is a shame to debunk legends of long standing, but of course the mythical Dutch boy who is supposed to have held back the sea by cramming his fist in a hole in a dike never did so. A dike is not an upright, rigid wall holding back the sea, as artists who pictured the incident have shown it, but a sloping plane rising gradually from sea level. The width of dikes at points is as much as 165 feet. Some of them are 600 years old. Not only the stone from which dikes are largely made, but trunks of trees which serve for piling, are imported in Holland.

THE "Genealogical Notes" article covering the second Schenck family to come to this country will appear in a future issue.







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### ROOSEVELT TO ADDRESS BANQUET FROM WASHINGTON

THE Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet of The Holland Society of New York, which will be held in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria on the evening of January 17, will be a celebration worthy of the occasion. All members of the Society have received a communication describing the program in full.

Only one change in the original plans has been made: Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States and a Trustee of The Holland Society, although for the past two years he has been confidently expected to attend, discovered early in December that his presence in Washington on the night of the banquet is indispensable. But he will save time from the affairs of state to address the Banquet from Washington over a special telephone hook-up which will be amplified so that all those present may hear it. With the substitution of the President's voice for his personal presence, every other plan for the banquet will be carried out to the letter.

Her Majesty's Minister to the United States, Willem H. M. van Haersma de With, will represent the Netherlands' government. The Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, who in 1927 received The Holland Society's Gold Medal for distinctive service in religion, will make an address. Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., who long before his election as President of The Holland Society was selected chairman of the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee, will be toastmaster.

A dance will follow the banquet and addresses, and for this event, which is something entirely new in Society annals, the Society's Flag Committee will act as a floor committee. Thus the younger

members will have their share in the occasion as well as members of longer standing, among whom are four members whose names have appeared on the Society's rolls for fifty years. These original members are the Rev. Joseph R. Duryee, Arthur H. Van Brunt, William L. Brower, and Abraham C. Quackenbush, all of New York City.

Chairman Arthur R. Wendell and the Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet Committee, and Judge Ackerson and the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee have labored diligently to make the occasion one that will be long remembered by all those who attend. That one single detail could not be carried out is unfortunate, but for this evening The Holland Society bows to the nation its ancestors helped to found and to the distinguished member of the Society who is its chief executive.

### TRUSTEES' MEETING

THE high spot of the Trustees' meeting held December 13 at the Williams Club, New York City, was the election to membership of thirty applicants, the largest list to be presented by the Committee on Genealogy in many years. Although the number of members who passed from the Society's rolls at the same meeting was also large, the additions left the total membership without great change.

Arthur W. Van Buskirk, chairman of the Membership Committee, revealed plans for continued activity on the part of his group. Doctor J. Wilson Poucher, chairman of the committee preparing the second volume on old Dutch houses, said that the book would certainly appear during the Fiftieth Anniversary year.

A letter from a member, Arthur D. Benson, which suggested that (Please turn to Page Three)





## BRANCH MEETINGS

TWENTY years after its last regular meeting, the Bergen County Branch was reborn as an active organization at a dinner in the Hackensack Golf Club, Oradell, New Jersey, November 16. Twenty-three Bergen County members attended, and among the guest speakers were President Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., and Secretary Walter M. Meserole of the parent Society. Charles H. Van Buren was re-elected president of the branch, and others elected were William H. Zabriskie, first vice president; Leigh K. Lydecker, second vice president; Theodore Van Winkle, secretary, and William A. De Witt, 2nd, treasurer. The following directors were elected: Peter S. Duryee, Daniel G. Bogert, William C. Banta, Jr. and Arthur Van Buskirk. The Bergen County Branch voted to annex the inactive Rockland County organization.

MEMBERS of the Union County Branch met November 9 at the Winfield Scott Hotel, Elizabeth, New Jersey, for their annual meeting and dinner. A number of the Society officers and trustees were present. Officers elected were Stephen H. Voorhees, president; Schuyler L. Van Vechten, vice president, and Eugene Van Ness, secretary-treasurer.

THE Long Island Branch of The Holland Society of New York held its annual meeting and dinner at the Crescent Club, Brooklyn, New York, with the president, secretary, and treasurer of the parent Society among the guests. Officers elected at that time were Frederick I. Bergen of Queens County, president; G. Schenck Van Siden of Kings County, Martin J. Remsen of Nassau County, and Ernest Wiltsee of Suffolk County, vice presidents; De Hart Bergen, Jr., secretary, and William Remsen Lott, treasurer.

THE annual meeting of the Hudson County Branch was held November 23 at the Plaza Hotel, Jersey City, New Jersey. William E. Decker was elected president; Howard R. Vreeland, treasurer, and Charles E. Hendrickson, secretary. A message from a 95 year old member, Daniel Van Winkle, was read to those who attended.

HUTSPOT, the name of a dish served with elaborate ceremony at every annual banquet of The Holland Society, is an Old Dutch word meaning "shake-pot," and was applied to beef or mutton cut into small pieces for a stew. The French called it *hochepot*. Nowadays, for a confused medley of anything, we use "hodge-podge."

## "'TIS A VENERABLE NAME!"

(Continued from Last Issue)

BY LEWIS BECK SEBRING, JR.



THE NAME of Bergen is among those of early Dutch settlers in the New World and in it we run into another of the difficulties of Dutch nomenclature. It is a question whether Bergen, as used by the early settlers, had anything to do with the Netherlands, or whether it was derived from the city of Bergen in Norway, from which early members of the family came. There is nothing to indicate that any of the Bergens of Brooklyn had Norwegian antecedents.

Another name, Bogart, with its variations of Bogert, Bogardus (Latinized), and other forms, is considerably more encouraging for the student of translations. It comes quite directly from the Dutch *boomgaard*, or orchard, of which the German form, *baumgarte*, might be more easily recognized by the majority of persons. The literal English translation, of course, is "tree garden." The double "o" in Dutch is pronounced as a long "o" in English, and the final "d" as "t," hence the present pronunciation of the Anglicized name.

The name of Brink may be translated as "little hill," or "hillock." This family also used, according to Mr. Hoffman's investigations, the name of Dolderbrinck, the spelling of the last syllable with a "c" being the Dutch form. Dolderbrinck was a place near Wageningen, whence the family emigrated to America.

One of the simplest names from which to ascertain the Dutch meaning is Brower or Brouwer, a direct translation being "brewer." Present-day Dutch spelling of the word is *brouwer*, and an additional point of interest might be that the Dutch translation of "brewery" is much the same—*brouwerij*.

BECKMAN, one of the best known of the old Dutch names of Nieuw Amsterdam, is derived directly from *beek*, meaning "brook," and so, of course, the translation becomes "the brook man," or "the man from the brook."

Bleeker, or Bleecker, may be translated into "bleacher." A variation might be Bleeck, but it would be too much to expect that the name Blake, pronounced the same as Bleeck, is of anything but English derivation.

The name Hoffman presents an interesting history, and also an example of why similar names are not necessarily interrelated. The Dutch word *hof* means "estate" or "farm," and the *hofman* may have been the man who either owned or rented it. Therefore, to say "tenant" would be incorrect in the first instance, while "owner" would be incorrect in the second. Perhaps "occupant" would be better suited. *Hof* itself might mean homestead as differentiated from estate or farm. It becomes obvious that there must have been many such persons, of whom at least some went by the descriptive term *hofman* or some variation, and hence the conclusion that all Hoffmans are not necessarily related.

There is also the fairly common name of Hogeboom, which may be translated literally as "high tree," or "tall tree," from the Dutch *hoog* and *boom*.  
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of the Society.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

The Holland Society of New York welcomes  
the following persons, elected to membership  
by the Trustees December 13:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Horace Ferris Banta           | Hackensack, N. J.          |
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| Howard Crosby Brokaw          | New York City              |
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| Radcliffe Romeyn              | New York City              |
| Andrew Ten Eyck               | Washington, D. C.          |
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| Arthur Bostwick Van Buskirk   | Pittsburgh, Pa.            |
| Norman W. Van Nostrand, Jr.   | New York City              |
| John Kellum Van Vranken, Jr.  | Garden City, N. Y.         |
| Philip Van Wyck               | Wilton, Conn.              |

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The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed  
in recording these names of members, and one of  
the Society's Medalists, who have died recently:

Robert C. Pruyn  
William Henry Stryker  
James R. Vandyck  
Theobald Smith (Medalist)

Albany, N. Y.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Hackensack, N. J.  
Princeton, N. J.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



The Library of the Society has recently  
received the following books as gifts:

From Colonel and Mrs. L. Effingham de  
Forest: *Captain John Underhill*, by L.  
Effingham de Forest and Anne Lawrence de

Forest (1934).

From Isaac H. Vrooman, Jr.: *Sermons on the Deaths of David  
and Hibertie Pruyn delivered in the Second Ref. Prot. Dutch  
Church, Albany, N. Y., by I. N. Wyckoff, D. D., Pastor.*

From Arthur D. Benson: *Benson Genealogy; Close Gene-  
alogy; Map of Town of New Harlem; Additional Pedigree of  
Arthur D. Benson, 1934.*

From S. F. Newkirk, Jr.: *Publications of the Genealogical  
Society of Pennsylvania, March, 1934, Special Number: The  
van Nieuwkirk, Nieuwkirk, Newkirk Family.*

From Lindell T. Bates: *The New-York Morning Post*, Vol.  
III, No. 155, November 7, 1785.

From Dutchess County Historical Society: *Year Book for  
1934.*

From War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Wash-  
ington, D. C.: *Decorations, United States Army, 1862-1926.*

By purchase the Library has acquired the following:  
*History of St. Philip's Church in the Highlands, 1770-1911*,  
by E. Clowes Chorley (1912).

Mr. Louis P. de Boer has added to the Collections of the  
Society by his donation of badges distributed in Holland  
among the school children in April, 1933, on the four hundredth  
anniversary of the birth of William the Silent.

## TRUSTEES

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the Society enlarge its Flag Committee and  
make it more distinctively Dutch, brought  
heartly commendation from the Trustees. "This  
is the culmination of an idea," said President  
Ackerson, revealing that he and others have been  
working on plans to form an organization within  
the Society with ideals to appeal to the younger  
men. A body of young members centered around  
the Society's insignia seemed to be the answer, he  
said. Secretary Walter M. Meserole pointed out  
that the Society's flag is identical with the one  
that flew over Nieuw Amsterdam except for the  
substitution of the Society's seal for the monogram  
of the Dutch West India Company.





## GENEALOGICAL NOTES—SCHENCK FAMILIES

*This department requests from readers any corrections or additions to the early generations of New Netherland families published here. Address Mr. Howard S. F. Randolph, 231 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York.*

In the July, 1934, issue of *DE HALVE MAEN* the genealogy of the first Schenck family to come to this country was published. The progenitors were Roelof Martensen Schenck and Jan Martensen Schenck, who with their sister Antje emigrated in the year 1650. The second Schenck family—given here—is descended from Johannes Schenck, who emigrated from the Netherlands in 1683.

The genealogy of this family is traced in the *Memoir of Johannes Schenck*, by P. L. Schenck, M.D., which was published in 1876. Some corrections and additions to this work will be found in the following article. *The Family of Schenck van Nydeggen*, by Ferben, published at Cologne in 1860, *Rev. William Schenck, His Ancestry and His Descendants*, by A. D. Schenck, 1883, and a manuscript genealogy of the family of Schenck van Nydeck, by Col. Van der Dussen, editor of a genealogical journal at The Hague, compiled in 1872, which is now in the possession of De Lafayette Schenck and Emily Schenck, trace the ancestry of both these American branches of the Schenck family to the same stock in the Netherlands.

These authorities agree that Johannes Schenck was born in the Netherlands on Sept. 19, 1656; that his parents were Martin Schenck (1633–1704) and Maria Margaretha de Boeckhorst; and that he married, before leaving Holland, Maria Magdalena de Haes, who was born on Oct. 7, 1660, daughter of Hendrick and Maria (Bomme) de Haes.

As has been said, Johannes Schenck emigrated from Middleburg, Netherlands, in 1683, and for a while was located in New York City. He was a schoolmaster (*Schoolmeester*)—known as *Meester*, abbreviated to "Mr."—and he is constantly referred to with this title in early records. He joined the Dutch church by letter from Middleburg Dec. 5, 1684, and his wife joined the church Feb. 25, 1685. Both were dismissed to the church at Esopus (Kingston) July 2, 1685. On October 13, 1689, they had a child baptised at Kingston, and shortly after returned to the vicinity of New York City. From 1691 to 1694 he was town clerk of Flatbush, and in 1700 he was again appointed town clerk of Flatbush, and was also made the teacher of the village school. He held these positions until 1712, when he removed to Bushwick, L. I., where he lived for the remainder of his life. In 1719 he was elected to represent the town of Bushwick in the Board of Supervisors of Kings County. His wife died on April 10, 1729, aged 70, and he died February 5, 1748, aged 92, according to their tombstones, which used to be at Bushwick. The tombstone of Johannes Schenck is now in Greenwood Cemetery. His will, dated Jan. 4, 1745, was proved Feb. 28, 1747/8. It seems that he outlived all his children, and he left

his entire estate to his grandchildren, some of whom he mentions in his will.

Johannes and Magdalena Schenck had eight children, unless the two Johanneses mentioned below (Nos. 4 and 5) should prove to be the same child. They are here recorded in the probable order of their birth.

1. Johannes, bap. Dec. 20, 1684, at New York. Died young.

2. Susanna. She mar. Johannes Johnson and had children mentioned in the will of her father. One of them is said to have been Marigrieta, bap. Apr. 4, 1725.\*

3. Margrietje, bap. June 12, 1687, at Kingston; d. Aug., 1721. She mar. about 1704–5, Jan Strycker, and had Peter, b. Sept. 14, 1705\*; Johannes, b. Feb. 12, 1707\*; Annetje, b. Dec. 20, 1708\*; Magdalena, b. Dec. 19, 1710\*; Maragrita, b. Mar. 24, 1713\*; Abraham, b. Aug. 4, 1715\*; and Lammetje, b. Feb. 11, 1716\*. To this list Bergen adds Jacobus, b. Sept. 19, 1718\*; and Maragrita, b. Dec. 9, 1719\*. These dates are included in *The Strycker Family*, by William S. Stryker, 1887.

4. Johannes, bap. Oct. 13, 1689, at Kingston. If Dr. Schenck's date of birth for the next child is correct, this Johannes must have died young.

5. Johannes, b. Apr. 30, 1691\*, d. Apr. 1, 1729; mar., about 1713, Maria Lott, b. 1690, d. May 6, 1740. His will was dated March 28, 1729, and was proved Apr. 8, 1731. Children: Hendrick, b. June 17, 1714\*, d. y.; Johannes, b. Oct. 26, 1715\*, mar. Hetty or Helen Remsen; Hendrick, b. July 15, 1717\*, mar. Magdalena Van Liew; Magdalena, b. Jan. 18, 1719\*, d. y.; Abraham, b. Aug. 6, 1720\*, mar. Elsie Vandervoort; Peter, b. March 27, 1722\*, mar. Maria Vulkerson; Cornelius, b. Jan. 27, 1724\*, mar. Abigail Lefferts; Isaac, b. Dec. 7, 1725\*; and Catharine, b. Jan. 14, 1728, mar. her cousin Teunis Schenck.

6. Peter. He died Sept. 14, 1736. His will, dated July 29, 1736, was proved Dec. 12, 1738. His wife was Elizabeth ———, and it seems most probable that she was Elizabeth Woertman, dau. of Theunis Woertman and Catherine Sprong, who was bap. in Brooklyn March 10, 1700. She mar. second, in 1738, John Luqueer. Children: Catherine, b. Aug. 29, 1721\*, (Bergen's *Kings Co.*), mar. March 24, 1742, George Duryea; Teunis, b. Feb. 9, 1723, mar. Sept. 16, 1749, his cousin, Catherine Schenck; John; Madalena, m. Adrian Bogert; Phebe, m. Johannes Duryea, June 24, 1749; Margaret, m. Abraham Polhemus; Cornelia, m. Dec. 23, 1732, Jacob Duryea; and Elizabeth, b. 1736, d. y.

7. Cornelia. She mar. Charles Duryea, and according to the will of her father had a son Johannes.

8. Abraham, bap. Jan. 31, 1697, in New York City. He probably died young, as he is not mentioned in his father's will.

\*These dates have been repeatedly given, and there is no reason to doubt their accuracy, but after a most careful search the original source—possibly an old Bible record—has not been found.







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### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

THE FIFTIETH Anniversary Banquet of The Holland Society of New York, held January 17 in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York, was in every respect a fitting celebration. Trustee Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed the gathering from the White House by amplified telephone, and Queen Wilhelmina sent a personal message of congratulation by the Netherlands Minister, Jonkheer D. H. M. van Haersma de With.

Traditional features of Holland Society dinners—*hutspot*, toasts to the Queen of the Netherlands and to the President of the United States, Dutch music, and long, clay pipes—were prominent once again.

The principal address was by the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, a Medalist of the Society, on "Civilization's Debt to Holland." President Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., made the address of welcome.

The messages of President Roosevelt and Queen Wilhelmina are given in full below.

### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, QUEEN WILHELMINA CONGRATULATE SOCIETY

#### PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ADDRESS:

My friends and associates of The Holland Society of New York:

"Presidential plans for future engagements are, I find to my sorrow, more susceptible to change than the plans of any private citizen. I had counted for many months on being with all of you tonight on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of The Holland Society. At least I take some comfort in the fact that it required a reception in the White House to the judiciary of the United States to keep me away from your dinner.

I need not tell you of my long interest and association with The Holland Society. I feel a just pride in what the Society has stood for as the exponent and recorder of the great contribution made, through three hundred years, by men and women of Netherland descent in the

building of the United States.

"Our early forbears brought from the Netherlands a quality of endurance against great odds—a quality of quiet determination to conquer obstacles of nature and obstacles of man. That is why for many years I have been so deeply interested in the preservation of the records and monuments left in New York City and the Hudson River Valley by the Dutch pioneers. The influence of New Netherland on the whole Colonial period of our history, which culminated in the war for independence, has not as yet been fully recognized. It was an influence which made itself felt in all of the other twelve colonies, and it is an influence which manifests itself today in almost every part of our union of states.

"To all of you I send my greetings. We honor those men and

women of early days who made so much out of such small beginnings. Let us who treasure their memories not fall short of the measure of their deeds.

#### QUEEN WILHELMINA'S MESSAGE:

"It is most gratifying to me to extend to The Holland Society of New York my congratulations on its quinquagenarian existence. The aims and the development of the Society have always had my interest. Solid and indestructible are the links that unite my people with the descendants of its sons who were amongst the founders of that great republic which today is the United States of America. I offer The Holland Society of New York my sincere wishes for its prosperity and for the promotion of the task it has set for itself."





## ANNUAL MEETING

CHIEF JUDGE Frederick E. Crane of the New York State Court of Appeals will be the recipient of The Holland Society's Gold Medal at the Annual Meeting which will take place Monday, April 8, in the Hotel Astor, New York City. The medal is given annually for distinctive service in the fields of art, science, or humanitarianism. Judge Crane will receive the 1934 medal, which will be presented at this time because of the cancellation of the 1934 Fall Meeting.

AN OPPORTUNITY is offered to all lovers of flowers and of Holland to journey to the International Flower Show at Heemstede, the Netherlands, this Spring, when 16,000 acres in that country devoted to bulbs alone will be in bloom. A special garden lovers' pilgrimage to this exhibition has been planned by the Horticultural Society of New York, 598 Madison Avenue, New York. The main tour outlined by the Holland-America line covers twenty-seven days, sailing April 30 on the *Statendam* and leaving Rotterdam May 18 on the same vessel. The all-expense trip can be made for as little as \$301, including eleven days of touring in the Netherlands and the customary accommodations of such tours. Extended tours to other countries are also offered, but even a fifty-nine-day pilgrimage with first class accommodations throughout is well under four figures in cost. The chairman of the American committee for the International Flower Show is John T. Scheepers, at whose Long Island bulb gardens members of The Holland Society have frequently been entertained.

THE MONMOUTH County Branch of the Society held its annual meeting March 4, and new officers elected were J. Harold Hendrickson, president; Harry Truax, vice-president, and Cecil S. Conover, secretary-treasurer. The Westchester County Branch held its meeting December 20 and re-elected its former officers.

LAST SEASON'S Christmas cards of The Association of Blauvelt Descendants had an unusual historical significance this year for members of the family. They bore a photograph of a model of *Der Kalmer Sleutel*, the ship on which the immigrant Blauvelt came to America in 1637. The expedition on which he set out for the New World was in charge of Pieter Minuit, former governor-general of New Netherland, and six colonists bound for Rensselaerswyck on the Hudson, with some supplies for that colony, embarked when the vessel put in at Texel for repairs. The ship model was exhibited at the recent World's Fair.

## "'TIS A VENERABLE NAME!"

(Continued from Last Issue)

BY LEWIS BECK SEBRING, JR.



ONE OF the most unusual examples of the evolution of a name, even more striking than that of Van Twiller mentioned in an earlier article, because it has lost all semblance of the original spelling, appeared recently on the membership rolls of The Holland Society. It is O'Bleness. At first glance it would appear to be what many members of the family bearing it actually thought was the case—that it was of Irish origin. But much can happen in three centuries, and much did happen to this name.

There was, and still is, in northwestern Europe a town bearing the name of Houplines. Before the Napoleonic Wars, it was in Flanders, Belgium, but since has become a part of the territory that now is France. In 1663 one of the villagers, whose given name was Joost, went with his wife and son, also Joost, and the latter's wife and baby, to Amsterdam in the Netherlands to take passage for the New World on *De Bonte Koe*, a ship also mentioned earlier.

On his arrival in Amsterdam, Joost of course became "from (van) Houplines," but the Dutch, accustomed to pronouncing all the letters of a word, added the final "s" to the name and made him, according to their pronunciation, Joost van Oblinus. On the passenger list of the ship he was booked as coming from "Houpe-lyne," but his name seems to have remained "van Oblinus." Arriving in New Amsterdam, the family went through a further change of name until the son became known as "Joost van Oblenis." So the name remained for three generations, when it appeared as Oblenes. Early in the nineteenth century the apostrophe came in and another "s" was added to make it "O'Bleness," and so it has come down to posterity.

AS WITH Beekman and Bogart, there are also many other usages involving features of the landscape, such as Onderdonk—*donk* being a small depression or hollow in the ground—Hoagland and variations, from *hoog land*, or "high ground," and Stuyvesant, from *stuijve sant*, or literally, "shifting sand."

On the other hand, there are the classifications derived from probable early occupations, of which a good example is Schenck and its variations. *Schencken* (pronounced "skenken") means the pouring of a liquid, hence it might be assumed quite accurately that the person who bore the name was a tavern keeper. Schoonmaker, obviously enough, means "shoemaker," from the Dutch *schoenmaker*. Dyckman might also have pointed to an occupation, but more likely referred to the place of residence—on a dyke. Still another name quite readily translated is Ostrander, from *oost strand*, or east strand or beach.

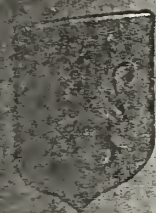
The "velt" names are almost a class in themselves, and must, of course, begin with Roosevelt. The meaning is quite obvious—"rose field," from *rose velt*. Blauvelt is similar—"blue field," from *blauw velt*, although an ancestor of this family also was called *blauw boer*, or "blue farmer." The latter apparently was derived from fields of blue grass or some similar natural phenomenon found on his farm. Speculation only permits (Please turn to Page Four)





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## YEAR BOOK PRICES LOWER

NEW PRICES just announced on the Society's  
Year Books and Collections will enable mem-  
bers and others desiring to complete their sets to  
do so at a substantial saving over previous quotat-  
ions. All books are new, and are not to be com-  
pared with volumes offered in second-hand book  
stores.

The new price for Year Books not containing  
church or genealogical records is two dollars a vol-  
ume when the Society has more than fifty volumes  
in stock, and three dollars a volume if there are  
fewer than fifty. There are no volumes of the 1886  
Year Book for sale. Year Books containing church  
or genealogical records, and the 1917 Year Book  
containing "The Story of New Amsterdam" are  
offered at four dollars a volume.

The two volumes of Collections containing the  
records of the churches of Hackensack and  
Schraalenburgh, New Jersey—rare and valuable  
works for the genealogist and historian—are avail-  
able at six dollars each. The volume of church  
records and other historical matters pertaining to  
Bergen, New Jersey, and the one in which are  
published the church records of New Paltz, New  
York, are priced at five dollars a volume. The one  
containing Domine Selyns' Diary is offered at four  
dollars. Liberal discounts are allowed on large  
orders of all books.

## TRUSTEES HONOR BROWER AT DINNER MEETING

AT A dinner following the Trustees' Meeting  
at the Metropolitan Club, New York City,  
on March 14, the Trustees of The Holland Society  
paid homage to William Leverich Brower, former  
President of the Society and a Trustee himself  
since 1914, who is rounding out his fiftieth year of  
membership. They presented him with an engraved  
silver platter bearing the Society's seal. Trustee  
Seymour van Santvoord, in making the presenta-  
tion speech, referred to him as "an inheritance of  
the glorious past."

Mr. Brower, who is one of the most prominent  
laymen in the Dutch Reformed denomination, and  
who wears the insignia of Knight of the Order of  
Orange-Nassau, conferred by Queen Wilhelmina  
in recognition of his church work, recounted some  
of his experiences in a half-century of work for the  
Society.

The collection of admission fees, which have  
been waived for the past two years by authority  
of a constitutional amendment, will automatically  
be reinstated at the annual meeting date, April 8,  
and the Endowment Fund will be enriched thereby.

Authorization was given for the negotiation of a  
new lease on the Society's offices and library at  
90 West Street, New York, and a miniature badge  
practically identical with the present large badge  
of the Society, and also an orange silk button-hole  
rosette, were approved for the use of members.  
The date of the Joint Meeting of Trustees and  
Vice-Presidents for this year was fixed at May 2, a  
recommendation to make a press committee one of  
the permanent committees of the Society was  
adopted, and a schedule of new, reduced prices of  
Society Year Books and Collections—set forth in  
detail elsewhere in this issue—was approved.

Dr. J. Wilson Poucher announced that plans for  
publishing the second volume of *Dutch Houses*  
were progressing favorably, and that the book will  
be off the presses this year.

Ottomar H. Van Norden, reporting on plans to  
organize the proposed internal organization of  
junior members of the Society, said that this body  
might follow the lines of "The Burgher Guard," a  
civilian military organization which, aside from a  
few Dutch West India Company soldiers, was the  
sole defense and police protection of Nieuw  
Amsterdam during the days of Governor-General  
Pieter Stuyvesant. The Trustees will give further  
consideration to sanctioning the formation of this  
group when more detailed plans for its organiza-  
tion are submitted by a committee headed by Mr.  
Van Norden.





## "'TIS A VENERABLE NAME!"

(Continued from Page Two)

the assumption that he raised blue flowers. The "vliet" names refer to "a small stream."

In translating many of the early Dutch names, complications arise not only from differences in meanings and spellings from the modern forms—the same changes that make it difficult for present-day English students to understand Old English—but also from the many dialects spoken in various parts of the Netherlands. Particularly is this true of the Frisian tongue, which then, as now, differs not a little from the language of the western provinces.

THE "van" names are really a field of study in themselves, with all of the problems attending the non-prefixed names, and a few more thrown in for good measure. Besides carrying the meanings "of" and "from," *van* also is confusing in that it may have meant the place of residence most recent to the one at which the person bearing the name was given the prefix.

Thus, as Mr. Hoffman points out in one of his articles in *The Record*, a proclamation of marriage published in Amsterdam may have listed the man as "van Haarlem" and the woman as "van Rotterdam," whereas the bridegroom was born in Hoorn and the bride in Dordrecht, but Haarlem and Rotterdam happened to be their latest places of residence. On the other hand, if they moved from Amsterdam, the next town in which they lived, having occasion to identify them, might describe them as "van Amsterdam."

As far as definite meanings are concerned, however, the task is not so difficult. Van Aken, or Van Aiken, for instance, obviously originates in Aix-la-Chapelle, Belgium, or as the Dutch term it, *Aachen*.

Van Buskirk, with its several variations, might originate—although we emphasize there is no definite proof of this—from the meaning of *bosch*, "woodland or forest," and *kerk*, "church." That a literal translation of "the church in the wood" is possible is obvious, but regarding it we draw no conclusions.

Van Brunt apparently was derived from a place, perhaps Brunting, a town in Drenthe province. Van Buren applies to a town called Buren in Gelderland province.

Vanderbeek and variations seem to tie up with the meaning of Beekman—literally, "from the brook"; while the meaning of Van Dyke would obviously be "from the dyke."

Vanderbilt seems to be traceable to towns of De Bilt either in Friesland or Utrecht province,

*bilt* or *bult* meaning a hillock, as does the *bult* mentioned earlier. Van Hoorn and its variations of course, probably comes from the city of Hoorn in North Holland province. *Hoorn* itself means generally "corner," the same as *winkel*, from which the name Van Winkle is derived.

Van Keuren apparently comes from a corruption of the Dutch term for the city of Cologne—*Keulen*. Van Santvoord is derived from a Belgian town of that name, from which this family came. It might easily be confused, however, with the city of Zandvoort in the Netherlands. Van Schaik and variations seem to have originated from the town of Schadijk.

Our listing could thus continue interminably but perhaps with this beginning we shall have formed the basis for further study which may be brought out in future issues of DE HALVE MAAN.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

The Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons, elected to membership by the Trustees March 14:

Theodore van Wyck Anthony	Newburgh, N. Y.
Arthur Wesley Bennett	Brooklyn, N. Y.
George Lester Moffat Christopher	Staten Island, N. Y.
Joseph Ely Conover	Bloomfield, N. J.
William Budington Duryee	Trenton, N. J.
Albert Henry Hardenbergh	Bronxville, N. Y.
Louis Philippe Hasbrouck	Lincoln Park, N. J.
Joseph C. Hoagland	Rumson, N. J.
Charles Lester Marlatt	Washington, D. C.
Ernest Harold Rapalje	Oxford, N. Y.
Spafford Walling Schanck	Matawan, N. J.
Martin Adrian Schenck	New York City
Elbert Talman	Spring Valley, N. Y.
William Van Deventer	Passaic, N. J.
Willard Bull Van Inwegen	Larchmont, N. Y.
Marshall Van Winkle, Jr.	Leonia, N. J.
Malcolm Van Zandt	Brooklyn, N. Y.
William Hubeli Waldron	New Brunswick, N. J.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

William H. H. Amerman, 2nd	Hempstead, N. Y.
Joseph P. Comegys, M.D.	New York City
Major Abram S. Stoutenburgh	New York City
George Gregg Teller	Cranford, N. J.
Louis Bevier Van Dyck	Schenectady, N. Y.
Martin Cantine	Saugerties, N. Y.







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### NEW INSIGNIA

THE LEAFLET enclosed with this issue of DE HALVE MAEN makes announcement of the new insignia now available to Society members. Up to the present, the official insignia have been a large ceremonial badge and a lapel button. The significance of these distinctive tokens of membership has been noted many times in Society publications.

One of the new insignia is a miniature of the ceremonial badge. It can be worn draped through the buttonhole or on a chain with similar medals denoting membership in other societies.

The orange rosette as well as the official button can be worn in the buttonhole. Both add distinction and advertise the Society.

Those who inquire—as they are sure to do—that the emblems mean.

To answer such inquiries, members should be able to quote the aims and membership requirements. These, in condensed form, can be found near the top of the first column on the third page of this publication.

### MESSAGE

FELLOW MEMBERS: You have received from our Membership Committee requests for genealogical information to be made a part of the Society's records, and also for the names of possible candidates for membership.

I earnestly request that you supply promptly the information desired and that each member of The Holland Society assign himself the duty of adding to the Society's membership at least one new member during 1935. This would bring our membership not only to the full quota allowed but also create a waiting list which would add greatly to the Society's prestige.

—JOHN DE C. VAN ETEN,  
President.

"A woman wrote protesting against the spelling of 'cole slaw' on restaurant menus when it should be, she said, 'cold slaw' when cold and 'hot slaw' when hot.

"Immediately bold Dutchmen and other informed persons told the mistaken correspondent in the same columns that by no stretch of orthography could it be 'cold slaw,' since 'cole' is the way the Dutch word *kool* (cabbage) is pronounced, and 'slaw' is about right for *slaa* (salad). And *kool slaa* cold was 'cole slaw' but cabbage salad hot was something else again. To any Holland Society members who upheld this righteous cause under the various pseudonyms that appeared in the papers—congratulations.

"Which is once again a reminder to the Dutch Uncle that DE HALVE MAEN aspires to be the Rosetta Stone of the century as a link between the tongue our ancestors spoke and the remnants of that tongue left today. These remnants are frequently picturesque, and usually crisply descriptive.

"Take," he said, "the word 'winklehawk,' a term common in the Dutch Uncle's family to this day. In Dutch, a *winkel haak* is a carpenter's square, and a right-angled rent in a piece of cloth resembles nothing else quite so well. Hence the American winklehawk, which is not a bird, but a one-word description of the effect of catching one's trousers on a nail. Try to describe it better in fewer than five words."

### CHATS WITH A DUTCH UNCLE . . II.

"A RECENT battle fought in 'Letters to the Editor' columns of New York City newspapers was rather silly," the Dutch Uncle said.





## TRUSTEES' MEETINGS

ON JUNE 13 the Trustees met at the Metropolitan Club, New York City.

The sentiment expressed at the Joint Meeting of Trustees and Vice-Presidents—that ladies not be invited to the annual banquet—provoked considerable discussion, but it was voted to uphold that sentiment and not invite ladies to the Banquet of 1936.

Francklyn Hogeboom, chairman of the Membership Committee, reported a project already under way to obtain for the Society a large list of persons eligible to membership, and the Trustees enthusiastically approved of his committee's action.

Wilfred B. Talman, chairman of the Press Committee, reported his committee at the service of all other committee chairmen and all branches for any aid it may be able to give in getting publicity for the Society.

Mr. Hogeboom, also chairman of the Committee on Insignia, made a report on the new insignia which are announced on another page of this publication.

As chairman of the Burgher Guard committee, Ottomar H. Van Norden commented on plans for establishing this group among the younger men, and was authorized to call a meeting of the younger members to determine what support the proposed Burgher Guard might obtain.

At a meeting and dinner of the Trustees held in the Biltmore Hotel on October 10, on invitation of President John de C. Van Etten, much praise was given to the Membership Committee when eight applicants for membership were elected. Secretary Walter M. Meserole remarked that the first Fall meeting of the Trustees usually brought very few applications, and that the committee deserved special commendation for their work in view of the fact that the admission fee had recently been reinstated.

Ottomar H. Van Norden, chairman of the committee planning the Banquet of 1936, said that the Plaza Hotel in New York City had been selected as the place for the banquet, and requested that members be asked to reserve the date—January 16.

As chairman of the committee charged with preparing the second volume of *Dutch Houses*, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher said that negotiations for its publication were still being carried on, but that a definite announcement of its date of publication might be expected before long.

## ANNUAL MEETING

THE Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Holland Society of New York was held at the Hotel

Astor on Monday night, April 8. The anniversary banquet in January having fittingly marked the observance of the Society's fifty years, the annual meeting was devoid of ceremony except for the election and installation of officers, headed by the new President, Mr. John de Camp Van Etten, and the presentation of the Society's Gold Medal for distinguished public service to Chief Judge Frederick E. Crane of the New York State Court of Appeals. Judge Crane, in his response, recalled the part played by the early Dutch settlers of the New World in the formulation of rules of jurisprudence and urged the members of the Society to adhere to the high standards set by their ancestors.

## JOINT MEETING

THE ANNUAL Joint meeting of Trustees and Vice-Presidents, held at the Metropolitan Club, New York City, May 2, brought an unusually enthusiastic group of Vice-Presidents to talk over their local problems with the Trustees. There was a divergence of opinion as to whether ladies should be invited to the Annual Banquet for 1936. By vote, the meeting expressed its sentiment against the inviting of ladies to the coming banquet.

The Vice-Presidents approved certain plans and policies to improve the Society's financial status and made many suggestions for bettering the relationship between branch organizations and the Society as a whole.

## ANOTHER NAME

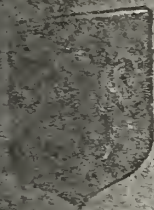
“‘TIS A VENERABLE NAME’ calls to my mind another rather interesting instance of the evolution of a name,” writes Louis L. Blauvelt of Newark, N. J. “Hendrick Hendricksen Van Doesburg appeared in New Amsterdam records in 1655 when he took to wife one Marretje Hendrickse Van Haarlem. Obviously Hendrick was the son of Hendrick somebody, and came from Doesburg in Gelderland. Just one of the *van* place names. About 1676 Hendrick took up his residence at Hempstead, Long Island. Here the English and Scots appear to have had a terrible time with that Van Doesburg and did strange things with it. We find it as Disboro, Dusburro, Dusenborh, Dusenborrow, and many other forms, but it finally settled down fairly consistently in the Anglicised form of Dusenbury. About 1710 Hendrick's grandson, now Henry, moved to Rye, N. Y. Here the proximity of the French Huguenots had an influence on the name, and in due time we find it transformed into Dusenberre and Dusinberre. Thus would they make Frenchmen of good Dutchmen.”





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be obtained from the Secretary of the Society.

## IN APPRECIATION

A luncheon of DE HALVE MAEN's committee  
on September 25 paid farewell honors to  
Howard S. F. Randolph, one of its members, who  
leaves soon for the West. Mr. Randolph's friends  
in New York City and Bronxville will miss him.  
The obvious statement that "Mr. Randolph's place  
will be a hard one to fill" loses its triteness when  
its truth becomes evident; the theoretical title of  
"genealogical editor" will probably go begging for  
a long time. Because of lack of space in this issue,  
Mr. Randolph's compilation of the early genera-  
tions of the Wyckoff Family will be held over for  
a future number.

THIS ISSUE combines the July and October  
numbers of this publication. DE HALVE MAEN  
was glad to make its small gesture toward balanc-  
ing the annual budget by omitting the July num-  
ber. Organizations such as The Holland Society  
suffer from the effects of hard times longer than  
commercial enterprises.

For a similar reason, the Fall meeting of the  
Society is being omitted this year. The Trustees  
and standing committees are doing everything in  
their power to see that all activities are carried  
through without curtailment in 1936.

## BRANCH MEETINGS

NEARLY 100 persons attended the annual  
banquet of the Ulster County Branch, held  
June 8 in the Hotel Stuyvesant, Kingston, New  
York. It was the largest gathering in the period of  
almost a half-century that the branch has been  
founded. The list of speakers, which contained the  
names of prominent local members and of officers  
of the parent Society, was headed by W. P.  
Montijn, Consul General of the Netherlands in  
New York, who spoke about the current economic  
situation in Holland.

RICHMOND COUNTY members met June 17 at  
the home of the Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haugh-  
wout, 1 Monticello Terrace, Great Kills, Staten  
Island. Present besides Dr. Haughwout were  
Charles E. Simonson, Cortelyou L. Simonson,  
Willis A. Voorhees, Samuel D. Dolson, John S. De  
Lamater, and George Christopher, all Richmond  
County members; also President John de C. Van  
Etten and Secretary Walter M. Meserole of the  
parent Society, and James Alexander Haughwout  
and Mr. Vreeland.

Dr. Haughwout opened the meeting by calling  
the roll of the ancestors of those present, and each  
responded with information about the early his-  
tory of his family. This led to a spirited conversa-  
tion, after which refreshments were served by Dr.  
Haughwout and his son.

THE Monmouth County Branch followed an  
old Indian custom July 27 by holding a clam  
bake at the old Luyster homestead, at a place  
originally called Holland, near Middletown, New  
Jersey. Many Monmouth County members, as  
well as officers and trustees of the parent Society,  
attended. John P. Luyster and his brother, local  
members belonging to the fifth generation born in  
the homestead, showed several hundred articles of  
historical interest. Other members recounted old  
family legends of the region.

ONCE AGAIN the anniversary of the raising  
of the Siege of Leyden in 1574 was commemo-  
rated by the Poughkeepsie Branch when its mem-  
bers met at the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie, for  
their forty-sixth annual dinner on the date of the  
anniversary, October 3. A. A. Schoonmaker was  
re-elected president of the branch for the fourth  
consecutive term, and Dr. John H. Dingman was  
re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Secretary Walter M. Meserole of the parent  
Society; William E. Bruyn, local vice-president,  
and Dr. J. Wilson Poucher spoke.





## ON OUR BOOK SHELF

SINCE January, 1935, the Library has received the following books as gifts:



From Major Lindell T. Bates: *New York Social Register* for 1934 and for the Summer of 1934; *The Daily Advertiser*, New York, Wednesday, April 18, 1792; *The Christian Sacrifice, A Treatise Shewing the Necessity, End and Manner of Receiving the Holy Communion* (1685); *The Schoolmaster's Assistant, Being a Compendium of Arithmetic, both Practical and Theoretical* (1797); *Religious Intelligencer*, No. 45, Vol. X, New Haven, Saturday, April 8, 1826; a china cup, one of 500 issued by Queen Wilhelmina at the time of her coronation, September 6, 1898.

From Nicholas A. Blauvelt: Typewritten copy of extracts from the Church Register of The Reformed Church of Spring Valley, N. Y., 1865-1935.

From Collegiate Reformed Church: *Year Book for 1935*.

From New York Chapter of the Colonial Order of the Acorn: *Year Book for 1931*.

From The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: *Year Book 1934-1935*, Vol. X.

From The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick: *Year Book for 1934*.

From Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde te Leiden: *Historie vanden Ridder metter Zwane*.

From The National Society Magna Charta Dames: Their publication dated June 1, 1935.

From University of the State of New York: *Correspondence of Maria van Rensselaer, 1669-1689*, translated and edited by A. J. F. van Laer, Archivist.

From Howard S. F. Randolph: *Paramus, N. J., Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms, 1740-1850, together with a list of Church Members and records from the Gravestones in the Church Yard*. Edited, indexed and published by Howard S. F. Randolph and Russell B. Rankin (1935).

From Severn D. Sprong: *Sprong Family Bible*.

From The St. Nicholas Society of the City of New York: *An Hundred Year Record, 1835-1935*.

From Mrs. William Beekman van Alstyne: A picture of the van Valkenburgh Group, 1776, (mannekins).

From Union Club: *Year Book 1935*.

From William S. Valentine: *Valentine Family Chart*.

From Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees, D.D.: *Historical Handbook of the Van Voorhees Family in the Netherlands and America* (1935).

From George B. Wendell: *The Royalist's Daughter and the Rebels*, by Rev. David Murdoch, D.D. (1865); *A Brief Description of New York*, by Daniel Denton (1845); *How the Dutch Came to Manhattan*, by Blanche McManus (1897).

From Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York: *Year Book for 1935-1936*.

From Miss Alma R. Van Hovenberg: *Stoutenburgh Family Chart*.

From Dutcher Family Association: *Dutcher Family Paper*, Vol. 1, Nos. 1-4.

From John C. Lowe: *Seventh Record Book of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York, March, 1935*. *Annals of the Classis and Township of Bergen, N. J.*, by Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D. (1857). *Church Records in New Jersey*, by William Nelson (1904).

From The Netherlands Society of Philadelphia: *Brief of Interesting Facts and Historical Statements Relating to The Netherlands Society of Philadelphia*.

From Board of Park Commissioners, Salem, Mass.: *A Reference Guide to Salem, 1630*, Revised Edition, Enlarged 1935.

From Frederick W. Brower: *Genealogical Chart of a Branch of the Brower Family*.

From Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York: *Report of Proceedings, July 1, 1934, to June 30, 1935*.

From Francklyn Hogeboom: Two framed pictures of the Luyster house at Middletown, N. J.

From the Woman's Club of Ridgewood, N. J.: Their bulletin for October, 1935, containing an article on The Holland Society's Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet entitled *A Bit of Old Dutch*, by Mary Van Rensselaer Ferguson.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons, elected to membership by the Trustees June 13:

Frederick Coykendall,	New York City
Clifford Albert Wiltsee,	Cincinnati, O.
Lawrence Gwyn van Loon, M.D.,	Reading, Pa.
Andrew Le Fevre Deyo,	New Paltz, N. Y.
Douglas Van Riper,	Bayside, N. Y.

Elected to membership October 10:

Julian Darst Conover,	Bethesda, Md.
Edward Schuyler Van Valkenburg,	Little Falls, N. Y.
George Sloan Van Riper,	New Canaan, Conn.
Delbert James Haff,	Kansas City, Mo.
John Davis Schoonmaker, Jr.,	Kingston, N. Y.
Edgar Joseph Van Bergen,	Mamaroneck, N. Y.
John Cullen Banta,	Muncie, Ind.
John Lyman Bogert,	Waltham, Mass.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

James Blauvelt Ackerson

Hiram H. Bice

William H. Blauvelt

George Tuttle Brokaw

Charles G. Douw

Rev. Joseph R. Duryee

James A. Hendrickson

John B. Kouwenhoven, M.D.

Theodore F. Lozier

Peter W. Stagg

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Walter M. Van Deusen

Daniel Van Winkle

Walter Van Wyck

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Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

Redondo Beach, Cal.

New York City

Scotia, N. Y.

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Red Bank, N. J.

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### ANNUAL BANQUET



ONCE AGAIN Holland Society members will gather to eat *huts*pot and enjoy all the traditional good fellowship that has made Holland Society annual banquets famous for more than a half century. This year's banquet, in accordance with

recommendations expressed through the vice presidents, will be a men's dinner only. And it will be different.

Instead of the usual series of speeches, a short one-act play entitled *Old New Amsterdam* will be given. The leading parts in this play, written by Ottomar H Van Norden especially for the occasion, will be taken by younger Holland Society members. They will be supported by a group of accomplished amateur actors from the Flatbush Dutch Reformed Church in Brooklyn who have worked for some time under the able direction of Mrs. Joseph Mathieu. Mrs. Mathieu has entire charge of this production and has added singing features to those originally in the script so that the play is raised practically into the light opera class.

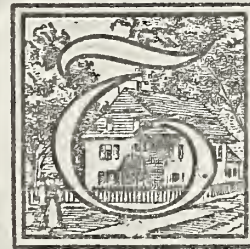
The only address of the evening will be a brief one by Jonkheer H. M. van Haersma de With, Her Majesty's Minister to the United States, who will respond to the toast to the Queen of the Netherlands.

The Fifty-first Annual Banquet will take place January 16 in the grand ball room of the Hotel Plaza, Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, New York. It is expected that 400 members and guests will attend. The return to the traditional male banquet and the other arrangements will give

diners an opportunity to meet one another that has seldom been enjoyed at these affairs.

The slogan adopted by the Banquet Committee is "Let's be burghers of old New Amsterdam for just one evening." Those who attend are sure to catch the spell of this illusion, for they will see Pieter Stuyvesant, wooden leg and all; assorted burghers and Indians, trappers from Hackensack and the Mohawk land, the Domine, the town loiterer, the inn keeper, and other habitues of a New Amsterdam tavern on a Sunday afternoon in 1653.

### DUTCH HOUSES BOOK



THE HOLLAND SOCIETY'S *Second Book of Dutch Houses* is at last to be published. More than 400,000 words of historical, genealogical, and architectural text written by Miss Rosalie Fellows Bailey and about 175 photographs by Miss Margaret de

M. Brown are now in the hands of the publishers, William Morrow and Company, New York.

It is planned to make this book in every way a companion volume to the first one, *Dutch Houses in the Hudson Valley Before 1776*, published under the Society's auspices in 1929. Covering the territory it does—Kings, Queens, Richmond, and Rockland Counties in New York, and Bergen, Essex, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Somerset, and Sussex and intervening counties in New Jersey—the book will be nearly half again as large as the former volume. Its size, and the cost of matching the first book, make a small increase in the price imperative. It will sell at \$18 a copy.

The first *Dutch Houses* volume, a triumph of







beautiful book-making, was an immediate success. Within a few weeks after its publication, copies of the regular edition were available only at premium prices and are still looked upon as rare books. The Secretary of the Society has a *very few* copies of the special Holland Society edition which are offered while they last at the original publication price of \$15 to members who wish a full set of both volumes.

Although published under The Holland Society's sponsorship, no part of the Society's funds goes into the book; a voluntary committee of underwriters from the Society's membership assumes responsibility. As before, there will be a special limited edition for Holland Society members, especially bound, numbered, and stamped with the seal of the Society. These are priced the same as the regular edition sold through book dealers.

The emphasis in the text of the first volume, which dealt with houses along the upper Hudson, was chiefly architectural, but the coming book will bring to the fore the genealogical side of the picture. It will be full of stories about the old families who lived in the houses and will trace lineage and land titles for many generations. No person whose ancestry harks back to the early days of Staten Island and Long Island or northern New Jersey and the New York regions along the New Jersey borders should fail to secure a copy.

Members will receive, in due time, a prospectus illustrating as nearly as possible in small compass how the *Second Book of Dutch Houses* will look when published in the Spring of 1936.

## ORIGIN TRACED

Among our friends is a Texan who insisted that Houston Street, New York, was named for the famous general, Sam Houston, and should therefore be pronounced "Hewston." We maintained as strongly that the current New York pronunciation of *Hous* as "house" was correct, and that the word was derived from a combination of early Dutch words. Inspection of a city map of 1837 revealed that the name was in use at that time, and even the Texan had to admit that General Houston was hardly prominent enough at that time to warrant the naming of a street in New York for him.

The solution came quite unexpectedly. We discovered that the street name comes from the Dutch *huijs* and *tuijn*, the former meaning "house" and the latter "garden." Literally translated, therefore, the street marks the "gardens of the houses (in the village)." The pronunciation of the Dutch words also bears out the present-day New York pronunciation of Houston.—L.B.S., JR.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has received the following gifts since the last issue of DE HALVE MAEN:

From Colonel L. Effingham de Forest: *The Settlement of Manhattan in 1624*.

From Frederick Van Wyck: *The Story of Snuff and Snuff Boxes*, by Mattoon M. Curtis.

From D. C. Jacobus: *Directory of the Mendham Hill Top Cemetery (Old Yard), N. J.* (1926).

*Record of Baptisms and Members of the True Dutch Reformed Church at Montville, N. J., March 22, 1824, to October 8, 1899.*

From Mrs. Gertrude A. Barber: *Index of Wills of Chenango Co., N. Y.* 1793-1850.

*Gravestone Inscriptions of Reformed Church Cemetery, Tappan, N. Y.; Tappan Cemetery, Tappan, N. Y.; Germonds Cemetery, Germonds, N. Y.; Tallman Cemetery, Tallman, N. Y.; New City Cemetery, New City, N. Y.; Ramapo Cemetery, Ramapo, N. Y., and Old Cemetery, New City, N. Y.*

From William Van Wyck: A very early view of New Amsterdam.

From Dutchess County Historical Society: *Year Book 1935*.

From Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, National Commandery: *Proceedings of the Fourteenth Triennial Convention held in Atlantic City, N. J., May 10 and 11, 1935*.

From The National Society Magna Charta Dames: Publication dated October, 1935.

From Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York: *Reports and Proceedings, July 1, 1934, to June 30, 1935*.

From Miss Margaret Woodhull Lawrence: A three-piece silver tea set marked M V N, and a silver cup inscribed "Sarah Lawrence Sep. 6th, 1854."

By purchase the Library has acquired the following:

*Portrait and Biographical Record of Queens County, N. Y.* (1896).

*Clayton's History of Union and Middlesex Counties, N. J.* (1882).

*History of Marlborough, Ulster Co., N. Y.*, by C. M. Woolsey.

*Reynolds' Hudson-Mohawk Genealogies*, 4 Vols.

*Harvey's Genealogical History of Hudson & Bergen Counties, N. J.*

*Lee's Genealogical and Memorial History of New Jersey*, 4 Vols.

During the year the Society has also received by exchange the regular publications of the following: American Historical Association, The Fort Ticonderoga Museum, The State Historical Society of Iowa, Kentucky State Historical Society, Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde te Leiden, The Minnesota Historical Society, Michigan Historical Commission, Genealogical Society of New Jersey, New Jersey Historical Society, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, The New York Historical Society, New York State Historical Association, Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.





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## TRUSTEES' MEETING

SIXTEEN applicants for membership were ad-  
mitted to the Society on December 12, when  
the Trustees met at the Metropolitan Club, New  
York City. The large number of new members  
elected at this and other recent meetings has en-  
couraged the Trustees greatly.

Ottomas H. Van Norden, reporting on the or-  
ganization of the proposed Burgher Guard, sub-  
mitted a set of resolutions, which were adopted.  
These resolutions, in effect, authorized the Presi-  
dent of the Society to appoint a Burgher Guard  
and a Captain of the Guard, and from time to  
time to add to the Guard's membership; they  
stated that the Burgher Guard so appointed shall  
take the place of the present Flag Committee; that  
the duties of the Guard shall be the care and dis-  
play of flags at parades and at the Society dinners  
and meetings and on other occasions, and also to  
encourage, direct, and promote social activities  
among the younger members and their guests and  
whenever possible to increase the Society's mem-  
bership; and that the Captain of the Guard shall  
be its executive officer and under the guidance of  
the President shall direct its activities.

Mr. Van Norden, as chairman of the Banquet  
Committee, told of plans for the Banquet of 1936  
which are outlined elsewhere in this publication.  
Dr. J. Wilson Poucher announced the final selec-  
tion of a publisher for the Society's *Second Book*

of *Dutch Houses*, which is also covered on another  
page.

William Van Wyck, who is chairman of the com-  
mittee appointed to select the recipient of the  
Society's Gold Medal for the year, said his com-  
mittee had chosen Robert W. Hutchins, president  
of the University of Chicago, as the Medalist for  
1936 in recognition of his work for the advance-  
ment of education. It is expected that Dr. Hutch-  
ins will receive the medal at the Annual Meeting  
on April 6.

Secretary Walter M. Meserole told of receiving  
that same day, from Miss Margaret Woodhull  
Lawrence of Stratford-on-Avon, England, and  
Mentone, France, a three-piece silver tea set as a  
gift to the Society. Accompanying the tea set was  
an ornamental silver mug dated 1854 which had  
been given in babyhood to Sarah Lawrence, eldest  
sister of the donor, who felt that the work of the  
Society made it a worthy repository for a memorial  
gift. The tea set had belonged to Miss Lawrence's  
great-grandmother, Mary Van Nostrand, sister of  
John Van Nostrand, who in turn was a grand-  
father of Benjamin T. Van Nostrand, a deceased  
member of The Holland Society. It was used at a  
"Dutch Treat" dinner that followed the meeting.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York wel-  
comes the following persons, elected to mem-  
bership by the Trustees December 12, 1935:

Harry Garret Banta	Grantwood, N. J.
Murray Van Gelder Brower	Montclair, N. J.
Roscoe Van Aken Elsworth	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Preston Coutant Keator	Jamaica, N. Y.
Charles Newton Schenck, Jr.	Englewood, N. J.
Cornelius Ditmars Schenck	Brooklyn, N. Y.
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Thomas Morris Van der Veer	Jackson Heights, N. Y.

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John Morel Van Schaick	Niles, Mich.
Charles S. Voorhies	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Harold Oliver Voorhis	Plainfield, N. J.
John Winfield Voorhis	Leonia, N. J.
Charles Frederick Vreeland	Staten Island, N. Y.
Abram Josiah Zabriskie	Stroudsburg, Pa.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in  
recording these names of members and Medalists  
who have died recently:

Dr. James H. Breasted (Medalist)	Chicago, Ill.
Henry Fairfield Osborn (Medalist)	New York City
John Neafie	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Charles D. Snedeker	Perth Amboy, N. J.
Edgar Zabriskie	Maplewood, N. J.





## GENEALOGICAL NOTES — THE WYCKOFF FAMILY

THE PROGENITOR of the Wyckoff family was Pieter Claesen, who came from Norden (Nordingen) in East Friesland, Germany. He emigrated from the Netherlands on the *Rensselaerswyck*, which sailed from Amsterdam September 25, 1636, left Texel October 8, 1636, arrived in New Amsterdam March 4, 1637, and reached Albany April 7, 1637. He was credited with six years' wages from April 3, 1637, and is mentioned as a servant of Symon Walichsz in August, 1644. In 1647 or 1648 he married Grietje van Nes, daughter of Cornelius Hendricks van Nes and Mayken Hendricks van den Burchgræff. In 1648-9 he appears to have occupied a farm at Bethlehem, but left the colony before June 5, 1649. He lived in New Amsterdam for about three years, then moved to Amersfoort, now Flatlands, where he died in 1694. His widow died between May 19, 1699, and May 21, 1703, at Amersfoort.

Excellent accounts of the Wyckoff family will be found in *The Wyckoff Family in America*, edited by Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Streeter; *The Washington Ancestry*, by Charles Arthur Hoppin, Vol. 3, p. 101; the *Van Rensselaer Bowier Manuscripts*, and Bergen's *Kings County*. These accounts have been compared with the original records, and some changes and additions made in the following account.

Children of Pieter Claesen Wyckoff and Grietje van Nes (order of birth unknown):

I. Nicholas (Claes), prob. b. at Albany; Mar. ab. 1672 Saran Monfoort, dau. of Pieter Monfoort. Children (order of birth uncertain): 1. Pieter; 2. Jacobus, bap. New York, Sept. 30, 1676; 3. Nicholas, bap. Flatbush Feb. 16, 1679; 4. Sara, bap. Flatbush Feb. 27, 1681; 5. Cornelius, bap. Flatbush Aug. 5, 1683; and 6. Antie, said to have been born Aug. or Sept. 1, 1693. A Peterje Clas Wyckoff, prob. another daughter, was a sponsor in Flatbush Dec. 11, 1681, and Nov. 23, 1683.

II. Margrietje, marriage banns to Matthys Brouwer, son of Abram Brouwer, Jan. 26, 1673, New York. Children: 1. Pieter, bap. New York Apr. 22, 1676; 2. Hendrick, bap. New York Dec. 6, 1679; 3. Williemyntje, bap. Flatbush Feb. 26, 1682; 4. Altie, bap. Flatbush Sept. 28, 1684; 5. Marritje, bap. New York Nov. 21, 1686; 6. Annetje, bap. New York Oct. 20, 1689; 7. Magdalen; and 8. Willemyntje, bap. Brooklyn May 14, 1693.

III. Annetje, bap. New Amsterdam Nov. 27, 1650; mar. ab. 1675, Roelof Martense Schenck. Children all bap. Flatbush (order of birth uncertain): 1. Margaritie, bap. Jan. 16, 1678; 2. Neeltje, bap. April 15, 1682; 3. Mayken, bap. Jan. 27, 1684; and 4. Sarah, bap. Dec. 18, 1685.

IV. Mayken, bap. New Amsterdam Oct. 19, 1653; mar. Willem Willemsen. Children (order uncertain): 1. Pieter, bap. Flatbush Apr. 16, 1682; 2. Marritje bap. Flatbush Apr. 12, 1685; and 3. Annatje, bap. Brooklyn May 29, 1695. Bergen also gives 4. Nicholas; 5. Willem; 6. Jacobus, and 7. Cornelis.

V. Cornelis, mar. Flatbush Oct. 13, 1678, Geertje Simons van Arsdalen, dau. of Symon Janse van Arsdalen. Children (order uncertain): 1. Pieter, bap. Flatbush Sept. 11, 1679 (given as Sept. 14, 1679 in Brooklyn records); 2. Mary, bap. Flatbush and Brooklyn Dec. 11,

1681; 3. Simon, bap. Flatbush Nov. 23, 1683; 4. Jacob, 5. Nicholas; 6. Hendrick; 7. John; 8. Grietje; 9. Pieter-nella; 10. Cornelis, bap. New York Dec. 19, 1694; 11. Hannah; 12. Marritje, bap. Brooklyn May 1, 1701; and 13. possibly a second Pieter.

VI. Hendrick is said to have mar. 1. Geertje —, mar. 2. Helena —; but May 1, 1701 he appears as a sponsor in Brooklyn with wife Marytje. Left no living children or descendants.

VII. Geertje, mar. (banns) Flatbush Mar. 17, 1678, Christoffel Janse Romeyn. Children, first four baptised Flatbush: 1. Lisbet, bap. Feb. 16, 1679; 2. Grietje, bap. Aug. 29, 1680; 3. Annetje, bap. July 9, 1682; 4. Cornelis, bap. March 9, 1684; and 5. Jacobus.


VIII. Gerret, mar. Catherine Nevius, dau. of Johannes Nevius. Children (order uncertain): 1. Grietje; 2. Antje, said to have been b. Sept. 1, 1693; 3. Adrianje; 4. Marritje; 5. Peter; 6. Jannitie; and 7. Garret, said to have been b. Mar. 4, 1704.

IX. Marten, mar. Flatbush May 27, 1683, Hannah Willemse. Children: first four bap. Flatbush: 1. Grietje, bap. Mar. 30, 1684; 2. Maria, bap. Dec. 20, 1685; 3. Annatie, bap. Jan. 8, 1688; 4. Sara, bap. Sept. 22, 1689; 5. Maykin; 6. Jannetie; 7. Pieter, bap. Brooklyn May 29, 1695; and 8. Willem.

X. Jan, bap. Brooklyn Apr. 22, 1663; mar. about 1692, Neeltje Couwenhoven, dau. of Willem Couwenhoven. Children (order uncertain): 1. Margaret; 2. Pieter, bap. Flatbush June 8, 1695; 3. Pieter, bap. New York Apr. 23, 1704; 4. Willem; and 5. Johannes, bap. Freehold, N. J., Dec. 10, 1711.

XI. Willemptje, mar. Adrian Pietersen Kinne. Children: 1. Jacob, bap. Flatbush Dec. 5, 1680; 2. Jan, bap. Flatbush July 22, 1683; and 3. Laurens, bap. Brooklyn May 2, 1687. According to Bergen she might have had another son 4. Peter.—H.S.F.R.

## BRANCH MEETINGS

 LONG ISLAND: At the Crescent Club, Brooklyn, October 23, annual dinner of the Long Island Branch with 33 persons present. Frederick I. Bergen of Queens, was re-elected president, and vice presidents chosen were G. Schenck Van Sicklen, Kings; Martin J. Remsen, Nassau, and Ferdinand L. Wyckoff, Suffolk. De Hart Bergen, Jr., was elected secretary, and William R. Lott treasurer.

UNION COUNTY: At the Winfield Scott Hotel, Elizabeth, N. J., many local members, officers and trustees of the parent Society, vice presidents of other branches, and guests gathered on November 7. Stephen H. Voorhees was re-elected president of the Union County Branch, Schuyler L. Van Vechten was re-elected vice president, and George B. Wendell, Jr., was elected secretary-treasurer to take effect April 6.

BERGEN COUNTY: At the Hackensack Golf Club, Oradell, N. J., a score of Bergen County members elected William H. Zabriskie president of the local branch December 13. Peter S. Duryee and L. K. Lydecker became vice presidents, Theodore Van Winkle secretary, and William G. De Witt treasurer. Trustees elected were Charles H. Van Buren, Arthur Van Buskirk, William C. Banta, Jr., and Daniel G. Bogert.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY: At the Fall meeting, Jarrett H. Buys was elected the local president; Dayton Douw Van Olin-da vice president, and Ralph A. Sayres secretary-treasurer.







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### THE BURGHER GUARD OF NEW AMSTERDAM

BY OTTOMAR H. VAN NORDEN

WHEN PETER MINUIT bought Manhattan Island from the Canarsie Indians, who then occupied the land around the Collect Pond, where the Criminal Courts Building now stands, he believed he had purchased the entire island. Almost immediately the Dutch began to take possession of the northern part of Manhattan; which brought them into conflict with other Indian tribes. These knew nothing of the sale, and regarded the white pioneers as trespassers.

Trouble followed, and resulted in the Indian War of 1640-1643. In this conflict Governor Kieft committed an unwarranted butchery of the Indians of Manhattan at what is now Corlear's Hook on the East River. The war culminated when a force of 150 Dutch surprised and killed more than 700 Indians who had gathered in a palisaded fort where Stamford, Connecticut, now is.

Governor Stuyvesant arrived in New Amsterdam in May, 1647. He found affairs in chaos. The Fort was in ruins and the only defense was a small garrison of professional soldiers maintained by the Dutch West India Company. There was a Night or "Rattle" Watch, consisting of Burghers, which acted as a police and fire department and generally maintained the peace. It was not until 1658 that a regular police force was established in New Amsterdam.

The Dutch claimed western Connecticut and had a "fort" at Hartford. The English were settling this territory and, in consequence, much bad feeling developed between New England and New Amsterdam. Early in 1653 the English from Massachusetts and Connecticut took the fort

at Hartford, and New Amsterdam itself was threatened. The Dutch were aroused to action.

Governor Stuyvesant, a trained soldier, immediately began to put the colony into a state of defense and at this time the "Rattle" Watch became the Burgher Guard.

The organization of the Burgher Guard had begun in 1652. It was not until a year later, on July 15, 1653, and under the provocation of the threatened New England invasion, that the organization of two companies was completed. The Council of Burgomasters and Schepens appointed thirty-two commissioned and non-commissioned officers and fifty-five privates, a total of eighty-seven men. There was one captain, one lieutenant, one ensign, four sergeants, eight corporals and sixteen cadets. We may infer that this action formed only one company, and that the old Burgher Watch with its officers and men carried on as it was. So it is fair to assume that each company of the Burgher Guard contained from eighty to ninety men.

In a town whose white population did not exceed 1,000 and of whom not more than 200 men could have been suitable for military service, this was a notable achievement.

Of the sixteen cadets on the 1653 roster several bore names that we recognize today. This was undoubtedly the younger group and constituted the more social side of the service.

Each company had a flag, one blue and one orange. We know that on the orange banner was emblazoned the official beaver, taken from the City Seal, and emblematic of the industry, intelligence, and







courage of our Dutch forefathers. Undoubtedly the blue flag displayed the beaver also.

With the organization of the two companies of the Burgher Guard, Governor Stuyvesant took personal command. He became their "general," and drilled them regularly in all martial exercises. They became proficient and the pride of the town.

The equipment of the two companies seems to have been complete. They had arms from Holland, drums "to further the discipline of the companies in marching," and official emblems, and undoubtedly were suitably uniformed.

But they still had their duties of policemen and firemen, and we find in records of November 24, 1653, that the captains were summoned before the City Council to explain why they had ceased to watch on a cold night. The explanation being given that they were not supplied with firewood, the Council ordered forthwith that this should be supplied.

The Burgher Guard was a democratic organization, governed by a council of its own known as the Burghers' Court Martial, which was recognized by the City Council and Governor Stuyvesant. When officers were to be appointed, the Burghers' Court Martial proposed a double list of candidates from which Governor Stuyvesant made his choice. The rank and file of the Burgher Guard was taken from the "small burghers"—men of good character, citizens of the town.

*A concluding installment of this article about the Burgher Guard will appear in the next issue.*

## THANKS EXTENDED

IN APPRECIATION of an unusually beautiful and appropriate gift recently received by the Society from a friend now living abroad, the Committee on Memorials drew up the following resolution of thanks, which has been sent in proper form to the donor:

"Whereas, Miss Margaret Woodhull Lawrence has most graciously given to The Holland Society of New York the beautiful three piece *Van Nostrand Silver Tea Set*, formerly the property of her great grandmother, *Mary Van Nostrand*, wife of Walter Titus, and also a highly ornamental silver cup formerly the property of Miss Lawrence's eldest sister, *Sarah Lawrence*, which cup bears date 1854, and

"Whereas, these beautiful gifts were appropriately dedicated to their new service at the luncheon of the Trustees of The Holland Society of New York, following the regular quarterly meeting on December 12th, 1935;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Trustees of The Holland Society of New York, that the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Society be expressed to Miss Lawrence for her very generous gift, and for the kindly thought which prompted it."

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has received the following gifts since the last issue of DE HALVE MAEN:

From Major Lindell T. Bates: *History of the Town of Flatbush, L. I.* by Thomas M. Strong, D.D. Reprinted by Frederick Loeser & Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1908. Also *History of the Bates Family of New York*.

From Detroit Public Library: *Seventieth Annual Report, 1934-1935*.

From The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: *Year Book 1935-1936*, Vol. XI.

From Delbert J. Haff: *Haff-Barse Genealogy*, compiled by Delbert James Haff (1936).

From Roger P. Kavanagh: *Manna-Hatin—The Story of New York*, published by The Manhattan Company (1929).

From Philip L. Leidy: *Leidy Family*.

From Harold Oliver Voorhis: Brochure by Warren R. Voorhis containing interesting references to various members of recent generations of his branch of the Voorhis Family.

From Long Island Historical Society: *Catalogue of American Genealogies in the Long Island Historical Society*. Prepared under the direction of the Librarian, Emma Toedteberg (1935).

By purchase the Library has acquired the following: *The Church of the Ponds, Oakland, N. J., 1710-1935*.

*History of Cornelis Maessen Van Buren*, by Harriett C. Waite Van Buren Peckham, A.B., M.D. (1913).

*World Almanac, 1936*.

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THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons, elected to membership by the Trustees March 12, 1936:

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Paul Gentilini Schoonmaker	Ridgewood, N. J.
Richard Titus Tiebout	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Louis Joseph Van Schaick	Manila, P. I.
Richard F. Van Vranken	Orange, N. J.
John Bayard Rodgers Verplanck	Beacon, N. Y.
Jerome Hubeli Waldron	New Brunswick, N. J.

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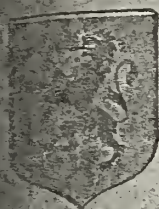
Cecil S. Conover	Middletown, N. J.
Samuel A. Coykendall	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Telford Groesbeck	Cincinnati, O.
John J. Hopper, Jr.	Greenwood Lake, N. Y.
Charles Francis Hubbs	Glen Head, L. I.
Arthur H. Masten	New York City
William L. Terhune	Brookline, Mass.
Howard Van Buren	Nyack, N. Y.
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## INVESTMENT IN TRADITION

THE IDEALS to which The Holland Society of  
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memory of the early Dutch settlement of America  
and promoting the principles of Dutch ancestry—  
are not wholly tangible. But in offering *Pre-Revo-  
lutionary Dutch Houses in Southern New York and  
Northern New Jersey* to Society members and the  
public, an utterly concrete fulfillment of the So-  
ciety's aims is accomplished.

In these houses, the homes of our Dutch ances-  
tors, many of these principles and traditions came  
to life, grew, and reached full flower. The particular  
needs and habits of these Dutch ancestors molded  
the graceful roof-lines, contributed to the sturdiness  
of beam and wall and sill. As the principles and  
traditions have lived, so have their dwelling places.

With this issue of DE HALVE MAEN is a leaflet  
showing the appearance of parts of this book al-  
most in fac-simile and describing the volume's form  
and contents. Repetition of these details is not  
necessary here, but further facts may be of interest.

A similar volume, *Dutch Houses in the Hudson  
Valley Before 1776*, was produced under Holland  
Society auspices about six years ago, and the public  
edition was sold out within a month. The last few  
available copies brought amazing premium prices.  
Those who had invested considered themselves  
wise, for their books were worth more than they  
had paid for them.

The character of the investment has been main-

tained, for very few of these books have ever re-  
appeared on the market, and never, to the knowl-  
edge of the Publication Committee, for less than  
the original price.

The current volume, considerably larger than its  
predecessor, will be placed on sale for only slightly  
more than the other—truly a high value for a book  
of this kind. From previous experience, it is likely  
that the public will do its part toward making the  
edition a sell-out. There is also every reason to be-  
lieve that Holland Society members will accept  
copies of the special edition—at the same price as  
the standard edition—with the same eagerness.

Although the public edition of *Dutch Houses in  
the Hudson Valley Before 1776* has been out of print  
since a month after issuance, there remain *only four*  
unsold copies of the special Society edition of this  
book—sold only to members—in the office of the  
Society. They are offered to the first four who de-  
sire the companion volumes together, at the list  
price of \$15 for the first book and \$18 for *Pre-  
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## ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Society will  
take place on April 6 in the Hotel Astor, New  
York City. At that time the Society's Gold Medal  
for the year will be presented to Robert Maynard  
Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago,  
in recognition of his work for the advancement of  
education. There is no charge to members for this  
meeting or the collation that follows.

MARK DOWN the date of the Annual Meeting,  
April 6, Hotel Astor, New York.

## LARGER MEMBERSHIP

YOUR SOCIETY is anxious to increase its mem-  
bership to its full constitutional limit and asks  
your coöperation. Among your acquaintances are  
no doubt many desirable and eligible men, proud  
of their Dutch ancestry. Will you not mention  
membership in the Society to them, and in addition  
fill out the coupon below and mail it to Walter M.  
Meserole, Secretary, 90 West Street, New York  
City?

I suggest for membership in The Holland Society:

Name.....

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## TRUSTEES' MEETING

THE TRUSTEES of the Society met March 12 at the Metropolitan Club, New York. A large part of the meeting was concerned with questions of membership and the means of stimulating the interest of younger members.

Chairman Francklyn Hogeboom of the Membership Committee commented on the excellent showing of the Society in retaining its members and adding new ones during recent years. Compared with organizations of a similar character, he said, The Holland Society's record in this respect is outstanding.

The Trustees voted to renew the lease for the Offices of the Society at 90 West Street, New York City, for one year. They also fixed the date for the 1936 Joint Meeting of Trustees and Vice Presidents at May 7.

Complete organization of the Burgher Guard, to take the place of the Flag Committee, will proceed at once, it was determined.

Ottomar H. Van Norden, chairman of the committee for the Banquet of 1936, after reporting on the unusual success of that affair, made suggestions for the conduct of future banquets. These were referred to a committee appointed for the purpose. A committee was appointed to consider questions of policy relating to membership, dues, and refunds to branch organizations, and other committees to represent the Society in several projects consistent with Society aims.

Ten applicants for membership, whose names appear elsewhere in this publication, were elected to the Society by the Trustees.

## ANNUAL BANQUET

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY's Banquet of 1936 was one of the best attended—and from all reports one of the best enjoyed—in many years. Held at the Hotel Plaza, New York, on January 16, it was marked by an important innovation in Society affairs of this kind. In place of the customary formal addresses, a one-act play, *Old New Amsterdam*, written especially for the occasion by Ottomar H. Van Norden, was presented by younger members of the Society assisted by members of the Flatbush Dutch Church Players. Mrs. Joseph Mathieu, head of the players' group, directed the play.

Other ceremonies at the gathering followed the precedents of past years. The Rev. Dr. W. H. S. Demarest, Domine of the Society, gave the invocation, and President John de C. Van Etten, acting as toastmaster, proposed toasts to the President of the United States and to the Netherlands and Queen Wilhelmina. In response to the latter, Consul General W. P. Montijn of the Netherlands gave

a brief talk, based largely on articles he had read in *DE HALVE MAEN*.

Traditional *hutspot*, the national dish of the Netherlands commemorative of the raising of the Siege of Leiden, was served with due pomp. In an iron kettle swung from the shoulders of two men in Dutch costume, it was paraded to the dais and ladled out for each table of diners.

The play was given on a fully-equipped stage at one end of the banquet hall. Historically correct in content, and with costumes as true to the period as the theatrical supply houses of New York could furnish, it showed a cross-section of life in New Amsterdam on a Sunday afternoon in 1653, with burghers, bar-maids, Indians, trappers, and even peg-legged Pieter Stuyvesant himself. The audience was unanimous in its approval of the presentation, and even those who had regarded the innovation with some doubt agreed that the play was ably acted, well directed, and a performance peculiarly suited to the occasion.

## CHATS WITH A DUTCH UNCLE . . III

"THE COLORS of the uniforms worn by American soldiers during the Revolution had their origin in Holland," observed the Dutch Uncle. "The coats of the soldiers of William of Orange who invaded Ireland in 1689 were faced with orange or buff, and these Hollandish colors became insignia of the English Whigs, or champions of constitutional liberty. American Whigs naturally adopted these colors.

"Washington, throughout most of the Revolution, wore a uniform coat of blue faced with buff—the uniform of a Virginia colonel of infantry. He prescribed blue coats faced with buff for his officers soon after the Battle of Bunker Hill. Uniformed companies from many of the thirteen colonies had uniforms prevailing blue with buff or white facings.

"Something else that had its root in Holland is the word 'caboose,' the last car of a freight train or the cook's cabin aboard ship," he continued. "It really means 'dish-pipe.' Old Dutch words were *kom*, a dish, and *buis*, a pipe. The *kombuis*, or cook's cabin, is 'the chimney in a ship,' with reference to the cook's dishes and chimney.

"And another fact not commonly known is that Long Island 'and all other islands and islets within ten leagues,' which of course included Manhattan, was granted by Charles I in 1635, when the Dutch held New Amsterdam, to residents of Ireland, 'to hold as of the Imperial Crown of Ireland in Chief, independent of any other but the King immediately.'"









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### THE BURGHER GUARD OF NEW AMSTERDAM

BY OTTOMAR H. VAN NORDEN

**PART TWO** IT WAS the Spring of 1655. For two years New Amsterdam, under the energetic Peter Stuyvesant, had been preparing for the threatened invasion from New England. The palisade around the City was completed. The Burgher Guard was drilled and equipped. The fort was repaired and armed. And now the authorities of Connecticut, hearing of New Amsterdam's state of preparedness, gave up their projected attack.

Sweden at this time was at war, fully occupied in Europe and, the time being ripe for action, the States General of Holland now ordered Governor Stuyvesant to recapture the lands on the South River (Delaware), which had originally belonged to the Dutch, but which Sweden had seized and colonized twenty years previously.

The threat of an invasion from New England had passed, and Stuyvesant decided to obey the mandate of the States General and recapture the Delaware province. At that time, except for the platoon of professional soldiers at the fort, the only trained and efficient military body in the city was the Burgher Guard.

Stuyvesant, with five ships and 700 men, sailed for the Delaware in June, 1655, the backbone of his force being the two Burgher Guard companies. His expedition was entirely successful. He captured and re-annexed the "South Province" to New Amsterdam and returned in triumph in September.

He returned just in time. Again the Indians had risen and two thousand warriors were on the war-path. But the danger was averted. The return of the Burgher Guard and a show of force ended the trouble, and the Indians became peaceful again.

Illustrating the home duties of the Burgher Guard, an edict was issued by Governor Stuyvesant on March 3, 1656, accompanied by the usual ringing of the church bell, and directing "the Burgher Captains to cause a Corporals Guard, on half the Sunday, to patrol and keep watch (at the Church in the fort) during divine services."

From the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held in September, 1658, the following petition was received from the Court Martial of the Burgher Guard: "We request you may be pleased to send us three new standards, with their appurtenances, as the General intends to divide the two Burgher companies into three." There is no further record as to whether or not the three new standards were given or the third guard company organized.

Up to 1658 the Burgher Guard policed the City and performed the duties of night watch. In that year the City Council organized a police force consisting of a Captain and eight men, who were on duty from nine in the evening until six in the morning and who were paid eighteen guilders a month with an allowance of candles and fire wood. This ended the Night Watch duties







of the Burgher Guard and was the beginning of the organized police force of New York City.

There is one more reference to the Burgher Guard. In the Spring of 1664, when word came that the dreaded English fleet had appeared on the New England coast and that an attack on New Amsterdam was imminent, the magistrates petitioned the Governor that "the walls of the town should be defended by the Burgher Guard, lest, if the town be captured, the fort become thereby untenable."

The Burgher Guard was the pride of the people of New Amsterdam. Commanded and drilled by Governor Stuyvesant it was an efficient military unit. Through its own organization, the Burgher Court Martial, it was in a degree self-governing, and nominated its own officers. Our own National Guard units to-day are organized and governed in much the same manner.

We may truly conclude that the Burgher Guard of New Amsterdam was the forerunner of our present National Guard. It was an institution on which every American of New Netherland descent can look back on with satisfaction and pride.

## NOT MANHATTAN'S LANGUAGE

A YOUNG MAN appeared at the office of The Holland Society one morning recently and loosed a torrent of Dutch. Apparently, he spoke nothing but Dutch, and no one at The Holland Society office did. That, apparently, was just what he wanted to know, for the following day in *The New York Post* appeared an article by Michel Mok telling of his difficulty in finding anyone in once-Dutch New York who spoke or understood the language of his native land.

"My first stop," wrote Mijneer Mok, "was the headquarters of The Holland Society—swank organization of descendants of the original Dutch settlers—at 90 West Street.

"A look of pained bafflement—a look that I was to observe many times during the day—came into the eyes of the young lady who received me when I bade her a cheery 'good morning' in the language of the Netherlands.

"She guessed that I was a Hollander.

"I am awfully sorry," she said, 'but I don't speak Dutch. Nobody speaks Dutch in this organization.'

"Acting as if I did not understand her, I lingered a moment.

"Oh, dear-dear-dear," said the girl to herself. 'I do wish I could help him.'

"She guided me to the door.

"Sorry," she said. 'We speak only English here' "

Mijneer Mok had the same difficulty at hotels, restaurants, and employment agencies that bore the name of "Holland," "Netherland," or a Dutch-derived surname. "Not a single member of the Rattle Watch—they call them police now—was able to give me directions," he said. He finally decided that in spite of Manhattan's linguistic shortcomings, his ancestors had not been cheated when they paid sixty guilders for the incredible island.

A four-column cartoon illustrated Mijneer Mok's adventures, and Miss Florence McAleer, Secretary Meserole's assistant, was amused to discover herself pictured as twins.

It would indeed be remarkable if descendants of the early immigrants could speak the language of the country their forefathers left three hundred years before. And had *The Post's* reporter found someone who spoke the language of New Amsterdam's former residents, he himself might have been embarrassed at not being able to understand it. The dialect is today almost unrecognizable by native Hollanders.

Curiously, only a few days later, Dr. L. G. van Loon of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Society member, wrote to say that he had just completed a treatise on the "Mohawk Dutch" dialect prevalent in the Mohawk Valley more than one hundred and fifty years ago, and would furnish The Holland Society's Library with a copy. And for any who wish to master "Jersey Dutch," the Library has photostat copies of a 26-page grammar and dictionary of this dialect that can be supplied to members for the nominal cost of photostatic reproduction.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has received the following gifts since the last issue of DE HALVE MAEN:

From The Atlantic Monthly Company: *Industrial America—Its Way of Work and Thought*, by Arthur Pound (1936).

From Mrs. Gertrude A. Barber: *Ketcham Family Mss. and Gravestone Inscriptions of Bridgeville Cemetery, Bridgeville, N. Y.; Old Fulton or Fraser Cemetery, Fennedale, N. Y.; Old Fallsburg (Palen's) Cemetery, Fallsburg, N.Y.—all in Sullivan County.*

From the Rev. Harry Howe Bogert: *Spiritual Songs*, London, 1760; *Introduction to the English Reader*, by Lindley Murray, New York, 1811; *Prayers and Offices of Devotion*, by Benjamin Jenks, Albany, 1813; *A Dictionary of Quotations*, by D. E. Macdonnel, Philadelphia, 1818; *Hoyle's Games*, revised and corrected by Charles Jones, London, 1779; *John Coustos, and the Master Key to Popery*, by Anthony Gavin, Enfield, 1821, and *The History of Sanford and Merton*, Dublin, 1767.

(Owing to lack of space here other recent Library accessions will appear in the next issue.)





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## BOOK REVIEWS

*Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families  
in Northern New Jersey and Southern New  
York*, by Rosalie Fellows Bailey, A. B. With an  
Introduction by Franklin D. Roosevelt. One hun-  
dred and seventy-one photographic illustrations  
and eight half-title plates by Margaret de M.  
Brown. Published under the auspices of The Hol-  
land Society of New York by William Morrow &  
Company, New York. 612 pages. Special Holland  
Society edition, \$18.

Modesty does not permit a full review of our  
own book, but its excellence has been recounted at  
length in previous announcements in these pages.  
A completion of the labor of more than a decade,  
this book is a companion volume to *Dutch Houses  
in the Hudson Valley Before 1776*, published under  
Holland Society auspices in 1929.

The official publication date was June 24, and  
copies of the trade edition—which is somewhat less  
elaborate than the special Holland Society edition  
but sells at the same price—are displayed in the  
better-class bookstores. Of the special edition, 334  
copies were printed. The beauty of its appearance  
can be judged from the fact that experienced per-  
sons have guessed its retail price to be \$25.

*Holland on Fifty Dollars*, by Sydney A. Clark.  
Robert M. McBride & Company, New York,  
Illustrated, \$1.90.

In this book, Mr. Clark has probably gone more  
into detail about how to see the best in Holland  
and do it economically than the writer of any other  
guide book. In explaining how to stay within a  
fifty-dollar budget, the author almost leads the  
reader by the hand in telling him where to buy a  
railroad ticket, how much he should pay, where to  
get on, where to get off, and how to act during the  
whole journey. He tells where to get the best food  
for the least money, how far the restaurant is from  
the center of town, what items to avoid ordering if  
you wish to finish your tour within your budget,  
and how to ask for the less expensive dishes. Much  
of this is exemplified in the chapter "When Thrift  
Meets the Dutch Guilder," but the magic beauty  
of the country is not buried under Mr. Clark's de-  
tail—witness chapters such as "The Bulb Fields of  
Elysium" and "Old Zeeland, A Picture Province."

Timid-souled Caspar Milquetoast could journey  
through Holland with supreme confidence with this  
book in hand, and the more adventurous will like  
it, too.

## NEW MEMBERS

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York wel-  
comes the following persons, elected to mem-  
bership by the Trustees June 11, 1936:

Gilbert Hasbrouck Bevier	Gardiner, N. Y.
John Douglas de Forest	New York City
Guilliam Bogert Demarest	New York City
Virgil Barzillai De Witt	New Paltz, N. Y.
Frank Du Bois	Gardiner, N. Y.
Richard Brodhead Du Bois	New Paltz, N. Y.
Cornelius Edwin Eckerson	Los Angeles, Cal.
Percy Mandeville Haight	Glen Ridge, N. J.
Frederick Abram Onderdonk	White Plains, N. Y.
Eli Baxter Springs, 2nd	Rye, N. Y.
Howard Logan Stillwell	Atlanta, Georgia
Henry Van Wyck	New York City

## NECROLOGY

THE SINCERE sorrow of the Society is ex-  
pressed in recording these names of members  
who have died recently:

Rev. Frank B. Crispell, D.D.	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Dr. James B. W. Lansing	Tenafly, N. J.
Herbert E. Merseles	Greens Farms, Conn.
George Van Bus Kirk	Hackensack, N. J.
Captain Lewis S. Van Duzer	Horseheads, N. Y.
George Van Keuren	Englewood, N. J.
Andrew J. Whitbeck	Boston, Mass.





## MEETINGS AND DINNERS

**Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Hotel Astor, New York, on April 6, and a large number of members witnessed the presentation of the Society's Gold Medal to Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, for his contribution to the advancement of education. Dr. Hutchins' address that followed was easy to listen to and was enjoyed by all.

The proposed new officers on the slate drawn up by the Nominating Committee were unanimously elected, and John de C. Van Etten, the re-elected president, immediately announced new committee appointments for the year. A full list of officers and committees is enclosed with this issue of *DE HALVE MAEN*.

As a gift from the Trustees, Arthur H. Van Brunt, retiring Trustee, was presented with a silver platter bearing the Seal of the Society and the inscription: "Presented to Arthur H. Van Brunt by the Trustees of The Holland Society of New York upon the completion of his service of thirty-eight years as Treasurer, President and Trustee of the Society, April 6, 1936." Mr. Van Brunt is one of the three remaining members who joined the Society during the year of its organization.

**Trustees and Vice-Presidents.** The annual joint meeting of Trustees and Vice-Presidents was held May 7 at the Hotel Astor, New York, with 24 persons present.

Questions of finance in particular were discussed. President John de C. Van Etten said that during the year the Society had kept within its budget only by omitting the Fall meeting and by doing nothing in the way of contributions for distant branches. For financial reasons, he said, the year book has not been published for several years. Sentiment was expressed both for resuming contributions to active branches whose members lived too far away to enjoy the Society meetings in New York, and for publishing year books as soon as conditions warrant.

It was recommended that the Annual Banquet be held in the Fall this year rather than in January of 1937.

Trustee Lindell T. Bates gave an emphatic talk on the value of patriotic societies under the social conditions of the present day and told of the good they can do when properly supported and administered.

**Trustees.** In view of the Vice-Presidents' recommendation for a Fall banquet, the report of the Banquet Committee was awaited with interest at the Trustees' Meeting held in the Hotel Astor on June 11.

The Banquet Committee, through its chairman, Ottomar H. Van Norden, reported that it agreed with the recommendation, and expected to hold the Annual Banquet at the Hotel Plaza on the evening of November 23 of this year. In view of the tremendous success of the 1936 Annual Banquet, Mr. Van Norden said, it was proposed to follow the same plan throughout—to substitute a dramatic performance with a historical background for the formal addresses of the past.

The Trustees expressed themselves unanimously in favor of the plan, and Mr. Van Norden explained further that Mrs. Joseph Mathieu, who directed the play "Old New Amsterdam," given at the last banquet, will in November stage a similar operetta based upon the purchase of Manhattan Island by Pieter Minuit. Characters of Minuits time will be played by a troupe of experienced actors under Mrs. Mathieu's direction, and all who had such a good time in January will have an opportunity to enjoy another good banquet and a good show in the same surroundings.

It was reported to the Trustees that Middlesex County, New Jersey, had added sufficient new members to entitle it to a vice-presidency, and that Clifford I. Voorhees was elected Vice President of the Society for Middlesex County.

**Capitol District Branch.** At the Mohawk Club, Schenectady, the Capitol District Branch held its annual meeting and dinner on March 20. Officers elected at that time were Dr. Frank van der Bogert, president; Dr. Edgar Albert Van der Veer, vice-president, and Ira D. Le Fevre, secretary-treasurer.

Nicolaas Groeneveld-Meijer read a paper on the Dutch West India Company, and during the evening a pipe-smoking marathon was won by W. W. Wemple, Jr., with Dr. H. S. Liddle a close second. Mr. Wemple kept a clay churchwarden pipe constantly glowing for one hour and five minutes on a single match.

**Ulster County Branch.** With a goodly attendance, the annual banquet of the Ulster County Branch was held at the Hotel Stuyvesant, Kingston, New York, on the evening of June 6. The branch, according to Vice-President William E. Bruyn, has recruited seven members to the Society during the past year and has many applications pending.

**Essex County, New Jersey.** Holland Society members in this county met May 20 at the home of Vice-President Joseph E. Conover in Bloomfield, New Jersey, as a preliminary movement toward a branch organization.







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## TRUSTEES' MEETING

ELECTION of ten new members to Society membership by the Trustees on October 8, and the reinstatement of two more, was nearly sufficient to balance losses by death and resignation during the past few months, according to reports made by Secretary Walter M. Meserole and Francklyn Hogeboom, chairman of the Membership Committee. The Trustees' meeting was held at the Hotel Astor in New York.

A memorial to the late Charles M. Dutcher, former President, Trustee, and ardent worker for The Holland Society for three decades was read by Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. A copy of the memorial appears in this publication.

To fill Mr. Dutcher's unexpired term as Trustee, Secretary Meserole nominated William E. Bruyn, Vice-President for Ulster County, and Mr. Bruyn was elected to serve as Trustee until 1938. Affirming William A. Dutcher's recent election as President of the Poughkeepsie Branch, the Trustees also elected William A. Dutcher a Vice-President of the Society.

Secretary Meserole announced that Augustus T. Wynkoop, a newly-elected member, had lent two notable old Dutch paintings to the Society which were now hanging in the Committee Room at 90 West Street. The Trustees voted to thank Mr. Wynkoop for his kindness. The paintings will be

## BANQUET

PLEASE turn at once to Page Four of this publication, which contains a full announcement of the Annual Banquet.

The date of the banquet has been moved ahead to Monday, November 23, in the belief that a Fall dinner will be more convenient for most members than one during the crowded days of January. It will be a men's dinner.

Owing to the large number expected to attend, the Banquet Committee is emphasizing the fact that preferred seating positions in the banquet hall will be allotted *according to the order in which acceptances are received*. Mail your reservation early.

on display for an indefinite period.

Ottomar H. Van Norden, Banquet chairman, told of plans to hold the Annual Banquet in November this year, rather than in January as in the past. Full announcement of plans for the dinner—*note the new date*—will be found on Page Four of this issue.

The Trustees authorized the preparation of an illuminated set of resolutions to be sent to Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, expressing the Society's best wishes on the occasion of her coming wedding.

After the meeting, the Trustees were invited to dinner by President John de C. Van Etten.

Notice that because of the increased cost of obtaining membership certificates, these would cost \$2.50, instead of \$2.00, as in the past, was omitted from the account of the June Trustees' meeting.

MEMBERS and guests of the Poughkeepsie Branch of the Society met October 3 at the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie, for the forty-seventh annual dinner which, as in years past, commemorated the raising of the siege of Leyden in 1574. About 30 persons were present. William A. Dutcher was elected president of the branch to succeed the late A. A. Schoonmaker, and Dr. John H. Dingman was re-elected secretary-treasurer.





## LOST LANGUAGE OF HOLLAND

FROM non-member Hendrik Willem van Loon, whose writings and whose addresses have done much to further The Holland Society's cause, comes a comment on Michel Mok's inability to find Dutch-speaking individuals on Dutch-rooted Manhattan Island (DE HALVE MAEN, July 6, 1936).

"Your estimable magazine is hardly a vehicle for controversy," he says, "and I can well understand that you may not be able to print this. But I shall have done my duty according to the lights of my school-master's soul."

On Dr. van Loon's stationery is emblazoned the line, *het is alles koren op myn molen*. All is grist to our mill, too, so the letter appears in full below:

To the Editor of DE HALVE MAEN:

Mr. Mok would have been able to speak Dutch in at least one New York hotel (and in addition he could have ordered himself an excellent Dutch meal) by going to the Astor, where the eminent van Dijk seems to be one of the few Dutchmen who is still willing to speak his mother tongue.

As a matter of fact, he could get something to eat in almost any village on this planet, large enough to support some sort of restaurant, without ever using anything but Dutch. The fault does not lie with the Dutch-speaking members of those communities but rather with the Dutch-from-Holland, who seem to have a profound aversion to speaking their native vernacular the moment they have left home.

In the Dutch East Indies, I found the natives speaking a few words of English but not a word of Dutch and I was informed that the learning of the language was not encouraged. Letters from officials in Batavia are invariably writ to me in English. God only knows why! Quite frequently it is pretty bad English, too. I have seen Dutchmen who insisted upon speaking French in Antwerp and English in Capetown, though the people they addressed were not only able but more than willing to speak Dutch. I have had them address me in English, supposing (as they explained afterwards) that after a few years abroad I would probably not speak my native vernacular except with great difficulty.

Why this should be thusly, I know not. Nor does Brother Mok, who has learned his adopted tongue so thoroughly that he can afford to remain faithful to the language of his childhood days without any feeling of embarrassment. And that may explain a great deal.

HENDRIK WILLEM VAN LOON.

## MEMORIAL TO CHARLES M. DUTCHER



HE inscrutable summons of death has removed from the fellowship of The Holland Society of New York one of its most distinguished, beloved, and valuable members, whose calm wisdom, ripened experience, and generous devotion have, for three decades, been lavishly given in furthering the objects, purposes, and ideals of our beloved Society.

CHARLES MASON DUTCHER, whose death occurred on July 23, 1936, was elected to membership in the Society in 1906. He was Vice-President for Essex County, New Jersey, from 1922 to 1924. In 1926 he was elected Treasurer of the Society, in which office he served until 1929, when he was elected to the presidency. He served as President until 1931. He was a Trustee of the Society from 1926 until the date of his death, always serving on the most important committees, notably as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

To the responsibilities of this position he brought with gratifying results his exceptional talents as an expert banker, developed through fifty-three years of brilliant and successful service with the Greenwich Savings Bank of New York City, of which he was for many years the executive head.

Endowed with a calm, unruffled temperament, possessed of a keen, analytical, and resourceful mind which led to the formation of strong but well-reasoned convictions, firmly but courteously maintained, and guided by a kindly heart full of human understanding and sympathy, Mr. Dutcher stood "four square to every wind" and exerted a beneficent influence upon all with whom he came in contact. He gave an influence and direction to our Society which will have a lasting influence in the attainment and preservation of its cherished principles and ideals. His presence will be greatly missed, but the effect of his good works will live after him.

To the family and friends to whom this sudden and tragic loss has come, on behalf of those we officially represent, as well as for ourselves individually, the Trustees of The Holland Society of New York extend their deep and unaffected sympathy.

A TABULATION made recently shows that The Holland Society has a good right to the last part of its corporate title—The Holland Society of New York. Of 888 members, 493 live in New York State. New Jersey has 254 members, so these two states between them contain more than 84 per cent of the Society's total membership.

Of New York's members, 129 are in New York and Bronx counties, 158 on Long Island, 51 in Westchester County, and 42 in the Capitol District, in the neighborhood of Albany.

New England boasts 43 members, 26 of whom live in Connecticut and 13 in Massachusetts. Of the Pacific Coast's 16 members, 13 are in California. Pennsylvania has 22 members, the District of Columbia five, and The South 11, of whom five live in Virginia. There are three members in England, one in Japan, and one in the Philippines.





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## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE Holland Society of New York welcomes  
the following persons, elected to membership  
by the Trustees October 8, 1936:

Edward Combs Duryee	Peekskill, N. Y.
Alfred Hasbrouck	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Richard Kucher Hoagland	Cranbury, N. J.
Harold Hyer	Glen Ridge, N. J.
Jerome Wells Le Fevre	New Paltz, N. Y.
Frederick Ackerman Lydecker	Glen Ridge, N. J.
Richard Austen Springs, Jr.	New York City
Harold Graves Terwilliger	New York City
Stephen J. Voorhies	Rockville Center, L. I.
Augustus Talcott Wynkoop	New York City

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed  
in recording these names of members, also a Me-  
dalist and a former Archivist, who have died  
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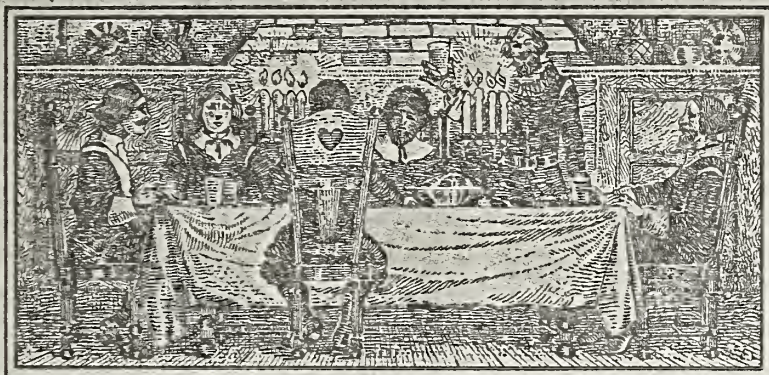
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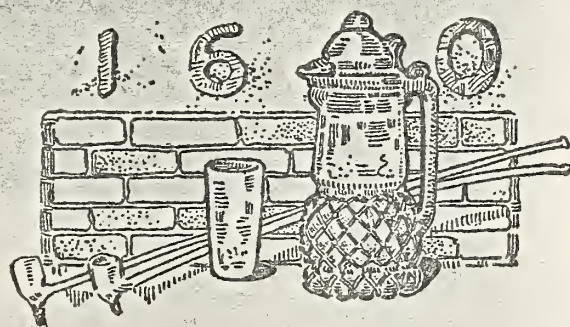




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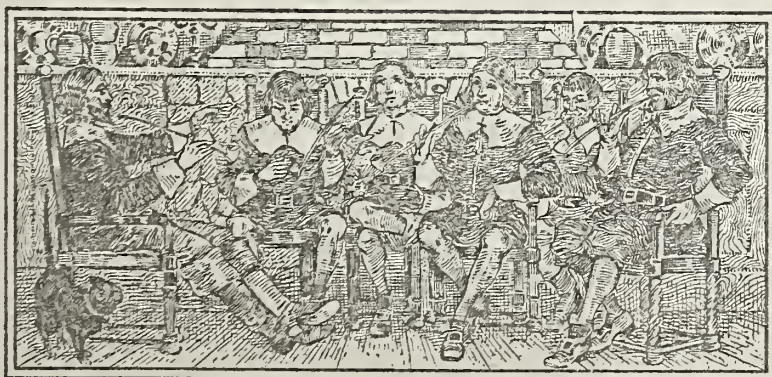
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Make up your tables and send  
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This dinner promises to be a brilliant  
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### MEMORIAL TO JULIANA, CROWN PRINCESS OF THE NETHERLANDS

THE FOLLOWING is the text of the Memorial prepared by The Holland Society of New York for presentation to Juliana, Crown Princess of the Netherlands:

lands, on the happy occasion of her marriage on January 7, 1937, to Prince Bernhard zu Lippe-Biesterfeld:

To Her Royal Highness, Juliana, of the House of Orange-Nassau, Crown Princess of the Netherlands:

THE Holland Society of New York, in the United States of America, desire to present to Your Royal Highness on the occasion of your marriage earnest wishes for the welfare and prosperity of yourself and your Consort.

WE, the direct descendants of the early Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam, ever mindful of the beneficent influence exerted, not only in the Netherlands but in the United States as well, by the principles of liberty and justice so valiantly proclaimed and defended by your illustrious ancestor, William of Nassau, Prince of Orange, feel at this time a special sense of nearness and affection and a desire to share in the joy of your loyal people on your happy wedding day.

MAY your life be ever dedicated to a continuance of the blessings of peace and happiness which the Kingdom of the Netherlands is enjoying under the benign reign of your beloved Mother, Her Gracious Majesty, Wilhelmina, and may you ever exert upon the world a strong and abiding influence for peace and good-will.

UNANIMOUSLY adopted at the Fifty-second Annual Banquet of The Holland Society of New York on the Twenty-third day of November, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-six.

The Address was engrossed and beautifully illuminated and was put up in the form of a booklet bound in white and with an orange silk lining, enclosed in a handsome pigskin envelope. The presentation was made by the Hon. Grenville T. Emmet, American Minister

to the Netherlands.

Similar addresses were presented to Queen Wilhelmina on the occasion of her marriage in 1901 and on the 25th anniversary of that marriage in 1926.

### TRUSTEES' MEETING

THE TRUSTEES' Meeting was held at the Hotel Astor on December 10, and preliminary plans were made for the Annual Meeting of the Holland Society to be held at the Astor on the

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### ANNUAL BANQUET

THE 52ND Annual Banquet of The Holland Society was held on Monday, November 23, 1936, at the Hotel Plaza, and the attendance and general enthusiasm noted on the occasion con-

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## DUTCH OR DUTCH



O A RECENT monthly letter of the Netherland - America Foundation by Dr. A. J. Barnouw we are indebted for a clear explanation why the word "Dutch" in American usage is somewhat confusing, referring to the language and people of either Holland or Germany.

"Pennsylvania Dutch," says Dr. Barnouw, "is a dialectical variety of German, Dutch toys come from Nürnberg, a Dutch treat is a form of entertainment that is totally unknown in Holland, and most of the Dutch butchers on American Main Streets never spoke a syllable of Holland Dutch."

"One has to dig deep into the past to find the cause of this vagueness in connotation. The Netherlands, in the Middle Ages, were a part of the German Empire, and the people then inhabiting the eastern provinces of present-day Holland were not conscious of being nationally different from their German neighbors."

"The name Dutch has a curious history. It is derived from an ancient Teuton noun meaning 'people,' but its first use to denote the speech of the Germanic tribes of Northwestern Europe did not occur in that speech but in the Latin of Anglo-Saxon missionaries."

"When the Dutch Republic won its independence from Spanish rule, it also obtained, by the Peace of Westphalia, the severance of all ties that bound it officially to the German Empire. The Dutch began to discard the name *Duitsch* for their language. *Duitsch* was German, and the language they spoke was the independent speech of a free nation deserving a name of its own. *Nederduitsch* did not satisfy them; it stamped their tongue as a low form of High German. So its place was taken by Hollandish. As a result, in present-day Dutch the word *Duitsch* means exclusively German, and Dutch as a name for the Hollander's speech is exclusively English. But to the Dutchman's annoyance Americans use it also in the sense of Hollandish *Duitsch*, thus obliterating the distinction between Hollander and German."

## TRUSTEES' MEETING

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night of Tuesday, April 6.

At the Trustees' meeting the nominating committee for the new officers of the Society to be elected at the Annual Meeting, was duly elected by those present as follows: Edward DeWitt, chairman, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, William Van Wyck, Walter H. Van Hoesen, and Harold V. B. Voorhis.

After hearing a report by Ottomar H. Van Norden, chairman of the 1936 Annual Banquet Committee, on the outcome of the Banquet, and praise by several of the trustees for the manner in which it was handled, recommendation was made and approved for the holding of the 1937 Banquet—which will be the 53d annual gathering—on Thursday night, November 18, at the Hotel Plaza, scene of the last two Banquets.

It was decided, and so voted, to open the Banquet again to the ladies, the last occasion on which they attended having been the 50th Annual Banquet held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in 1935. The suggestion was advanced by Mr. Van Norden, based on urgent requests made to him by many of those who attended the 1936 Banquet, and was heartily approved by the other trustees.

The sale of the recently-published book on *Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York*, publication of which was sponsored by The Holland Society, was reported proceeding slowly, although the prospects were that with the passing of the holiday season it would pick up considerably.

As an example of how quickly the comparatively limited edition of the second volume may become rare, Francklyn Hogeboom reported that a friend recently had tried to obtain a copy of the first volume, which in 1929 retailed for \$15, and had only been able to find an offer of a second-hand copy for \$28. The special Holland Society edition of the second volume sells for \$18.

Charles L. Schenck, one of the trustees, offered to the Society as a loan several prints of old New York, and the offer was gratefully accepted by his colleagues. The prints will be remounted and framed, and placed in the meeting room of the office at 90 West Street. With these, the Society now has on display a larger number of interesting pictures of old New York, as well as Netherlands scenes, all of which are well worth inspecting. Members of the Society who have not recently visited the office are cordially invited to do so, for anyone will find it well worth part of a morning or afternoon of his time.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on March 11.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Long Island Branch of The Holland Society was held on October 28, 1936, at the Crescent Athletic-Hamilton Club in Brooklyn. The following officers were elected: President, David W. Ketcham; Secretary, A. Lloyd Lott; Treasurer, William Remsen Lott; Vice-Presidents—Kings County, Jeremiah R. Van Brunt; Nassau County, Henry H. Tredwell; Suffolk County, Schuyler J. Bergen.

THE HOLLAND Society Branch in Union and Middlesex Counties, New Jersey, at its annual meeting on November 5, 1936, re-elected its entire slate of officers. They are: President, Stephen H. Voorhees; Vice-President, Schuyler L. Van Vechten; Secretary-Treasurer, George B. Wendell, Jr. The meeting was held at the Hotel Winfield Scott in Elizabeth.





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issue was produced under the direction of Lewis B. Sebring, Jr.

## DE HALVE MAEN CHANGES

WITH THIS ISSUE, DE HALVE MAEN discontinues  
its appearance as a quarterly publication of The  
Holland Society of New York, and henceforth will  
appear semi-annually—in April, following the Annual  
Meeting of the Society, and in October, preceding the  
Annual Banquet.

The change is made in order that The Holland  
Society may resume publication of a Year Book, which  
was discontinued with the 1928-1929 issue. Action  
looking toward such resumption, with the consequent  
discontinuation of two issues of DE HALVE MAEN, was  
taken at a recent meeting of the Press and Publications  
Committee, and was approved at the Trustees' meeting  
on December 10.

It is the hope of the Press and Publications Com-  
mittee that DE HALVE MAEN has been received cor-  
dially as a quarterly publication by the members of  
the Society, and that it will henceforth be received  
with equal cordiality as a semi-annual. In making the  
change the Committee bespeaks the cooperation of the  
membership of the Society in making the publication  
of wider interest and greater appeal to all members.  
It is a publication by, of and for the members of the  
Society as a whole, and any suggestions or contribu-  
tions will be more than appreciated.

Details on the publication of a Year Book will be  
published at greater length in a later issue of DE HALVE

MAEN, but for the present it can be said that it will  
be similar in content and appearance to the former  
Year Books.

The contents will comprise the Constitution and  
By-laws of the Society, a description of its insignia,  
and the current list of members of the Society.

Because of the cessation of publication for eight  
years, it also will contain the names of the Officers,  
Trustees, Vice-Presidents and Medalists from the date  
of the publication of the last Year Book to the present;  
the major events in which the Society has participated  
during the intervening years, and the accumulated  
necrology of the Society to date. Further details will be  
announced later.

DE HALVE MAEN will retain its present format and  
size, and the next issue will appear late in April.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the  
following persons elected to membership by the  
Trustees December 10, 1936:

J. Sebring Ackerman	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Herbert D. Banta	Linden, N. J.
Charles Dingman Brodhead	New York City
Edward Frank Roosevelt	New York City
George Edgar Schanck	New York City
Richard Ide van Benschoten	West Park, N. Y.
Frank Purdy Woglom	Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE SINCERE SORROW of the Society is expressed  
in recording these names of members who have died  
recently:

Theodore Brink	Lake Katrine, N. Y.
Harry M. De Mott	Garden City, N. Y.
Alfred G. Eckerson	Spring Valley, N. Y.
W. K. Hoornbeek	Boston, Mass.
William E. Johnson	Brooklyn, N. Y.
John W. Morrell	Chevy Chase, Md.
Lorado Taft (Medalist)	Chicago, Ill.
Perlee Van Tassell	Dumont, N. J.
Dr. John A. Voorhees	Brooklyn, N. Y.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has received the following  
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MAEN:

From Library of Congress: *Key to  
Symbols Used in the Union Catalog, Revised Edition.*

From C. A. Ryder: *Brochure on the Stoutenburgh  
Family.*

From Major Lindell T. Bates: *Silver Gilt Coronation  
Spoon from London, England.*

By purchase the Library has acquired the following:

*Beers' Putnam and Dutchess Counties*

*History of Morris County, N. J. (2 vols.)*

*Records of First Church, Huntington, L. I.*

*Dempster Records, 1778-1803. Marriages and Births  
as recorded by Rev. James Dempster.*





## ANOTHER PRINCE OF ORANGE

**M**EMBERS OF The Holland Society probably are quite familiar with the details of the wedding of Juliana, Crown Princess of the Netherlands, to Prince Bernhard zu Lippe-Biesterfeld, on January 7, through the articles which have appeared in the press, but in view of the interest which the Society has in things Dutch, as well as the fact of the extensive use of the orange color by the Society, it might be of interest to go a bit into some of the background.

The following is an excerpt of a letter received recently, before the wedding, by a member of the Society from a friend in The Hague:

"Yesterday I went through the illuminated town. Everybody wears a little strip of orange ribbon or a flower. When there is a national holiday or a special day in Holland, people do not wear a red, white and blue ribbon, but orange, for it is the color of our dynasty.

"So, too, all of the larger buildings are illuminated with orange, and with the colors of the Prince: yellow-red; and with the national colors. The official national flag of the Kingdom is red, white and blue, with an orange pendant (streamer). The flag of some hundred years ago was orange, white and blue, and this was called the *Princevlag*. For people of nationalistic feeling this flag is the better symbol; but there is always a rivalry in Holland between the conservative people and those who want new things, and this applies as well to the flag.

"Some time ago—in the 18th Century—there was an occasion on which everything of orange was suspect, so the colors of the Prince (William the Silent) were 'in discredit' and the old *Wilhelmus* was replaced by an ordinary song.

"The pendant above the present flag, however, carries out the old idea of the Holland symbol *Oranje Boven* (Orange Above).

"You will appreciate how much the variations of these colors increase the joyful effect in the town.

"While I am typing this letter, I hear music in the street."

It is interesting to note that the old Netherlands flag described by the writer of the letter is that used now by The Holland Society, and also the one which forms the basis of the flag of the City of New York, which is flown above the City Hall and on other public buildings. Thus The Holland Society, in common with little old New York, still can feel something in common with the country from which many of our people and much of our culture and customs was derived.

## ANNUAL BANQUET

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firmed the Society's belief that a Banquet in November would be more satisfactory than on the usual date in January. The custom will be continued this year.

The entertainment feature of the Banquet, for the second year in succession, was the presentation of a musical playlet depicting life in old Nieuw Amsterdam. Entitled *We Buy Manhatta*, it portrayed a scene on the morning of May 26, 1626, at an encampment of the Canarsie Indians on the shore of the Collect Pond, at a point where Lafayette and Franklin Streets now cross in lower Manhattan.

It was staged, as on the first occasion, by Mrs. Joseph Mathieu, and was written by her in collaboration with Ottomar H. Van Norden, chairman of the Banquet Committee and an intensive student of early New York history. Younger members of the Society and members of the Dutch Church Players of the Flatbush Reformed Dutch Church of Brooklyn acted the parts.

The Banquet part of the evening, preceding the presentation of the play, followed in great part the traditions of the past, with the exception of a more brilliant display of color during the opening ceremony. For the Parade of the Colors and the Grand March, members of the Burgher Guard, comprising younger members of the Society, wore on their left shoulders cords of orange and blue, similar to the *fourrageres* of decorated army corps. The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. W. H. S. Demarest, Domine of the Society.

As usual, the *piece de resistance* of the menu was the legendary Holland dish *Hutspot*, reminiscent of the raising of the siege of Leiden, when it furnished the Dutch inhabitants of the besieged city with their first square meal in weeks. A pot of steaming *hutspot* was borne into the dining room on the shoulders of two husky young men, dressed in Dutch costume, and immediately after this had been served at the speakers' table waiters hurried bowls of the dish to the other tables.

The dish was listed on the menu as "1574 HUTSPOT: BIJZONDER," and in case any of the diners were apprehensive, that last word means "special." The date, of course, is that of the raising of the siege.

The final part of the program before presentation of the play was devoted to the usual address of welcome by the President, John deC. Van Etten, and toasts to His Excellency, the President of the United States and to Her Majesty, the Queen of the Netherlands.







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## ANNUAL MEETING



THIS YEAR'S Annual Meeting, which will be held in the Hotel Astor, New York City, April 6, the Gold Medal of the Society will be awarded to Dr. Frank Pierrepont Graves, Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the

State of New York. This honor will be conferred upon him for his leadership in the state education system.

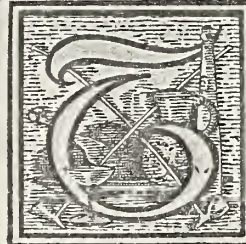
In Dr. Graves' address of acceptance he will tell of the operation of the modern machinery of education. This is a subject dear to the hearts of Dutchmen, who revere the memory of their own Erasmus, a pioneer in education in another century.

The Nominating Committee will present its new slate of officers for the Society's consideration. There will be more changes than usual in the slate this year, it is rumored.

There is, of course, no charge to members for this meeting or the collation that follows, but all members are privileged to bring guests at the usual rate.

The business portion of the program will be concluded as expeditiously as possible in order to leave plenty of time for the features of the evening.

## TRUSTEES' MEETING



THE TRUSTEES, at a meeting held March 11 in the Hotel Astor, New York, accepted with regret the resignation as Trustee of Arthur S. Van Buskirk, who has been in ill health for some time. Fenton B. Turck, Jr., was elected to fill Mr. Van Buskirk's unexpired term.

Mr. Turck is the son of the late Dr. Fenton B. Turck who inaugurated the custom of presenting a gold medal each year in the name of the Society

to some leader in an important cultural or scientific field. He has served for some time on the Meetings Committee which his father formerly headed, and has been active in other Society affairs.

Sixteen applicants, whose names appear in this issue, were elected to membership in the Society, bringing the total membership not far from 900.

The Trustees approved a proposal to publish a Year Book this year, and ratified the selection of the Committee on Meetings for the presentation of the Society's Gold Medal at the Annual Meeting. These matters are commented upon elsewhere in this publication. Wednesday, May 5, was fixed as the date for the annual joint meeting of Trustees and Vice-Presidents.

## YEAR BOOK

ONCE AGAIN The Holland Society is to publish a Year Book for free distribution to all members. The last one issued covered the years 1928 and 1929.

The forthcoming book is expected to appear about November 1. It will be much thinner than books of the past, containing only essential material such as an up-to-date list of members, a brief record of the Society's activities in each year of the current decade, and the Society's constitution, by-laws, and catalog of insignia as revised up to the time of printing. It will be well bound in gold-stamped orange cloth.







## HOLLAND TODAY

IT DOES not seem inappropriate to mention an incident of a recent visit to the Netherlands by the writer—a trip across the *Afsluitskijk*, the enclosing dam across the north end of the Zuider Zee. It is one of the outstanding engineering feats of all time, this damming up a whole inland sea, and the engineers of the Netherlands have done their usual careful work in making it a success, although there were many heartaches in its construction and increases in taxation represent some of the burden it has placed on the nation.

On our first visit four years before, the dam was but a mound of earth and rock across the north end of the Zuider Zee, and could be visited at its central points only by excursion boat. The ends, of course, could be inspected from the Friesland and North Holland shores. It was interesting at that time to note the method of construction, especially the extensive use of tremendous fiber mats for the base of the dam, and also the use of networks of twigs, bound together like the old Roman fascies, and placed down among the rocks and dirt to give a firmer, and yet more flexible, foundation.

In 1936, however, this was all covered, and instead we rolled across from Harlingen in Friesland to Weirigen, in North Holland, in almost no time at all in one of the luxurious buses of the A.T.O., the bus line running between Leeuwarden and Alkmaar. The road, lying on the southerly side of the dam, would do credit to any country for its smoothness and landscaping, even in the center of the dike, exposed to the bursts of watery fury from the North Sea just beyond. True to the Netherlands custom, there runs the full length of the dam, at one side of the road, the bicycle path with its red and blue signs for directions, and laid out with as much care as is the main highway.

Beyond the bicycle path, the dike rises to its peak, with the sides covered with waving grass. From the top can be seen the blue, choppy waters of the North Sea, the *Nord Zee* of which the Netherlands sings and which it yet fears. To the south are the slowly-freshening waters of the Zuider Zee—the South Sea—wholly salt until 1930, but now almost entirely fresh, fed from the stream which flows into it at the south end.

And from this slow freshening of the water came a strange plague last year—a plague of flying insects—*muggenzifter* the residents called them, we might say gnats. But by whatever name they are known, they were pests, flying in swarms at all points along the enclosing dam, and necessitating keeping every window of our bus tightly closed, even though it was a hot day. When we left the bus at Breezand, a little food and rest station at the center of the dike, we were forced to keep constantly waving one hand as we used the other to hold a camera to take pictures. The pests are not dangerous however, and the engineers are now trying to devise some means of exterminating them.

Even the *muggenzifter*, however, could not disturb our satisfaction at having crossed the completed dam, eighteen miles of engineering triumphant, with locks at either end for passage of vessels from the north to the south sea, and sluices in between for the raising or lowering of the water level. It is a sight worth seeing, highly recommended to the visitor to the Netherlands as an example of what modern Holland can do, as against what the Holland of the past has done in spreading its culture and customs to the world. —L.B.S., JR.

## NOTES TO REMEMBER

Sales of the Society's special edition copies of *Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families* in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York are continuing, but many members have not as yet availed themselves of the opportunity for acquiring a volume which undoubtedly will be increasingly valuable with the passing of years. There is yet time to act before the supply is exhausted and the Secretary's office will be pleased to receive your order.

The firm of Dieges & Clust which supplies the insignia of the Society to members on order has removed from 15 to 17 John Street, this city.

The motto *Eendracht Maakt Macht*, taken from the coat of arms of William the Silent, might well be taken as the slogan for The Holland Society of New York during 1937. It will readily be recognized as also having a prominent place on the arms of the Dutch Reformed Church and is incorporated in the old city seal of Brooklyn, N. Y., which had its roots back in the Dutch days. In translation it means *Union Makes Strength*. Our nation's motto *E Pluribus Unum* means the same thing.





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Van Hoesen, 83 Farley Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey. Extra  
copies can be obtained from the Secretary of the Society. This  
issue was produced under the direction of Walter H. Van Hoesen.

## HUDSON LANDMARKS

DUTCH SKIPPERS on the Hudson River in the early  
days of Nieuw Amsterdam used for their land-  
marks the "racks" or clear sailing courses. From De  
Laet's "New World", Leyden edition has been trans-  
lated this account of such marks in 1625-6:

"Within the first reach, where the land is low, there  
dwells a nation of savages named Tappaans. \* \* The  
second reach extends upward to a narrow pass named  
by our people Haverstroo; then comes Seyl-maker's  
(Zeil-maker's, sail-maker's) reach, as they call it; and  
next, a crooked reach, in the form of a crescent, called  
Koch's reach (Cook's reach). Next is Hooge-rack  
(High reach); and then follows Vossen reach (Foxes  
reach), which extends to Klinckersberg (Stone moun-  
tain). This is succeeded by Fisher's (Vischer's) reach,  
where, on the east bank of the river, dwells a nation of  
savages called Pachamy. This reach extends to another  
narrow pass, where, on the west side of the river, there  
is a point of land that juts out covered with sand,  
opposite a bend in the river, on which another nation of  
savages, called the Waoranecks, have their abode, at a  
place called Esopus. A little beyond, on the west side,  
where there is a creek, and the river becomes more  
shallow, the Waronawankongs reside; here are several  
small islands. Next comes another reach called Klaver-  
rack, where the water is deeper on the west side, while  
the eastern side is sandy. Then follow Backer-rack,  
John Playser's rack and Vaster rack as far as Hinnen-  
hoek. Finally, the Herten-rack (Deer-rack) succeeds as  
far as Kinderhoek. Beyond Kinderhoek there are several  
small islands, one of which is called Beeren Island  
(Bear's Island).

After this we come to a sheltered retreat named On-  
wee Ree (*Onwereen*, to thunder, *Ree* quick, sudden  
thunder storms), and farther on are Sturgeon's Hoek,  
over against which, on the east side of the river, dwell  
the Mohicans."

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes  
the following persons elected to membership  
by the Trustees on March 11.

Richard Carteret Sutton	New York City
Howard Osterhout	Garden City, N. Y.
Jacob Duryea Remsen	Upper Montclair, N. J.
Rev. John Sylvanus Haight	Hempstead, N. Y.
Frank Taylor Ostrander	Scarsdale, N. Y.
Homér C. Osterhout	Crete, Neb.
Russell W. Lent	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Theodore L. Bogert	San Francisco, Calif.
Arthur A. Van Cleef	Roselle, N. J.
William T. Van Atten	East Orange, N. J.
Hendrick E. Hendrickson	Laurelton, N. Y.
Harold M. Van Husan	New York City
Frederick C. Hyer	Rahway, N. J.
James Abell Mills	Elizabeth, N. J.
Augustus Van der Poel	London, Eng.
William Chauncey Keator, Jr.	Fairfield, Conn.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in  
recording the names of these members who have  
died recently:

Andrew Hagaman	Staten Island, N. Y.
William A. Simonson	New York City
Gilbert B. Voorhees	Corona, N. Y.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has received the follow-  
ing gifts since the last issue of DE HALVE  
MAEN:

From Society of Colonial Wars in the  
State of New York: *Year Book of the General Society of  
Colonial Wars for 1936. Vol. 12. No. 3.*

From the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick:  
*Year Book for 1936.*

From James Abell Mills: *Peter Mills and Mary Shirt-  
cliffe Mills of St. Mary's County, Md. 1635-1935*, by  
James Abell Mills (1936).

From Inglis Stuart: *Mayflower Ancestry of Elizabeth  
Ely Goodrich and Her Descendants*, compiled by Inglis  
Stuart (1932).

From H. G. Terwilliger: *Old Hellebergh*, by Arthur B.  
Gregg (1936).

The next issue of DE HALVE MAEN will appear  
on October 1 and the editors will be pleased to  
receive suggestions for its columns.







## OUR FLAG IN DUTCH HISTORY

A DUTCH fort, answering an eleven-gun volley in its honor from the American vessel *Andrew Doria* on November 16, 1776, fired the first salute of a foreign power to an American flag. At the command of Johannes de Graef, governor of the island of St. Eustatius in the Dutch West Indies, the Fort of Orange fired eleven guns in reply to those of the *Andrew Doria*, one of the original vessels of Commodore Esek Hopkins' fleet. Great Britain, at the time, was at war with its American colonies but was maintaining friendly relations with the Republic of the Netherlands.

The commander of the British island of St. Christopher, which was near by, protested to de Graef against this exchange of courtesies, and the Dutch governor replied that "in regard to the reception given by the forts of this island, under my commandment, to the vessel *Andrew Doria*, I flatter myself that if my masters exact it I shall be able to give such an account as will be satisfactory". To this the British commander responded that "the impartial world will judge between us whether these honor shots, answered on purpose by a Dutch fort to a rebellious brigantine, with a flag known to the commander of that fort as the flag of His Majesty's rebellious subjects, is or is not a partiality in favor of those rebels."

The British government was informed of the apparent breach of diplomacy in a report of the commander of St. Christopher, who affixed affidavits to his document to show that the brigantine "during the time of the salute and the answer to it, had the flag of the Continental Congress flying." Stirred with indignation, Great Britain made a sharp protest to the Netherlands States General. The Dutch Republic of the Netherlands recognized American independence shortly afterward.

THE FLAG that New York City displays on its public buildings, and the colors of this flag that are widely in evidence on city property, are prominent survivals of New York's settlement by the Dutch. The orange, white and blue stripes are those of an early standard of the Netherlands, though they are vertical instead of horizontal.

This flag, as it flew from the mast of Henry Hudson's *Halve Maen*, was one of the first European insignia to be reflected in the waters of New York harbor. On its horizontal central white stripe was a monogram of the initials A. O. C. for *Algemeene Oost-Indische Compagnie*, under whose auspices Hudson sailed. This same flag floated over the huts built by the East India Company on Manhattan Island for its fur traders.

In 1621, when the West India Company was formed and given control of the fur trade of the New World by the States General, a similar ensign bearing the monogram G. W. C. for *Geocroyeerde West-Indische Compagnie* was raised over New Netherland trading posts. History does not disclose when the orange stripe was changed to red, but tradition relates that Peter the Great, after studying ship-building in Holland adopted the red, white and blue Dutch ensign for his own country merely by reversing the colors. Because an inverted flag was a nautical appeal for aid, the Russians complained that this blue, white and red banner made them look "like Dutchmen in distress."

The Dutch influence is seen in the flags of some of New York City's component boroughs. The Queens ensign contains some of the heraldry of Governor-General William Kieft, and Brooklyn's flag retains the motto *Eendracht maakt macht*—"Union makes strength"—taken from the coat of arms of William the Silent.







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### ANNUAL BANQUET

THE annual banquet of The Holland Society of New York will be held at the Hotel Plaza New York City on November 10, with Chief Judge Frederick E. Crane of the New York State Court of Appeals and Ralph M. Ingersoll, vice-president and general manager of Time, Inc., as the principal speakers.

The custom inaugurated at the Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet in 1935 of having ladies attend the banquet will be resumed this year, and the feature is expected to bring out a record attendance.

Particular interest will attach, as usual, to the traditional ceremony of the *hutspot*, the bringing into the banquet hall of the historic dish of the Netherlands, reminiscent of the raising of the siege of Leyden in 1574. This ceremony proved to be of especial interest to the ladies two years ago, but even those members who had witnessed it previously were glad to renew their acquaintance with a custom that so vividly brings back memories of the stalwart resistance of the Dutch people to the invaders of their country in the Sixteenth Century.

The addresses to be delivered at the banquet will be of particular note this year, as both Judge Crane and Mr. Ingersoll are brilliant speakers. Judge Crane, it will be recalled, is a medalist of The Holland Society, and at the time of the presentation of the medal to him at the annual meeting in 1935, delivered a memorable address on the effect of the early Dutch jurisprudence in the New World in present-day laws and customs.

Judge Crane's subject will be "The Dutch in America," and members of the society and their wives and friends attending the banquet are assured of hearing a masterful, scholarly presenta-

tion of the subject, replete with minute details gathered through extensive research.

The appropriate topic selected by Mr. Ingersoll as the subject of his address is "Keeping People Informed," and in the talk are sure to be recounted some of the behind-the-scenes reasons for the tremendous success of the magazines published by Time, Inc., especially *Time*, *Fortune*, and *Life*.

The career of Judge Crane is so well known that it is unnecessary to recount details of it here, but it might be well to present some of the facts of Mr. Ingersoll's life. He was born in New Haven, Conn., in 1900, and was graduated from Yale University in 1921. Then he began work as a mining engineer, first working underground as a miner in California, and then in Arizona. After serving as a division engineer in another mine in Mexico, he came to New York to become a reporter on *The New York American*. After a brief period of freelance writing he became a reporter on *The New Yorker*, and almost immediately was made managing editor, in which capacity he served for five years. He joined *Fortune* magazine in 1930.

### UNION BRANCH IS HOST

UNION COUNTY BRANCH will be host at its annual dinner November 4 to members of the Middlesex, Mercer, and Monmouth County, New Jersey, branches. The dinner will be held in the Winfield Scott Hotel in Elizabeth, and all Trustees, and all Vice-Presidents of other branches near enough for them to attend will also be invited. This is likely to be a memorable dinner in the Society's history, as the fame of Union County's dinner is far-spread and few will want to miss it.





## CORRECT MOTTO

DR. A. J. F. VAN LAER, Archivist of State of New York, informs The Holland Society that the motto *Eendracht Maakt Macht*, which is commonly referred to as the motto of the Dutch Republic, and which appears on the arms of the Dutch Reformed Church, was not the motto of William the Silent, as was reported in our previous issue. The motto, he points out, which appeared on the arms of William the Silent was *Je Maintiendrai*. The confusion occurred because the arms of William and a national motto were combined to form the arms of the Dutch Reformed Church.

The motto *Eendracht Maakt Macht* was derived, Dr. van Laer notes, from the ancient motto of the Seventeen United Provinces, *Concordia Res Parvae Crescunt*, by translating *Concordia* into *Eendracht* (Union); and adding the words *Maakt Macht* (makes strength).

It would appear, Dr. van Laer notes further, that *Eendracht Maakt Macht* never was used officially by the Netherlands, although it is frequently found in designs of periods later than the Dutch Republic, around the Dutch lion with the bundle of arrows, as shown in The Holland Society seal. In these designs it was used as a symbol of the Seven United Northern Provinces of the Netherlands, in contradistinction to the old Seventeen United Provinces.

Dr. van Laer also points out that in the same issue of *De Halve Maen* an incorrect translation is given for the term *Onwee*. *Ree* is the name of a landmark of the lower Hudson Valley. The term was given in *De Halve Maen* as being derived from *Onweeren* (to thunder) and *Ree* (quick, sudden thunderstorms). Dr. van Laer explains that actually the name was printed as *Ouvve Ree*, intended for *Ouwe* (colloquial form for *Oude*—old), *Ree*.

"This," Dr. van Laer adds, "simply means Old Roadstead."

## WANTED

WILL ANY MEMBER of the Society who knows of the existence of a picture or any other likeness of the Rev. Dr. Theodoric (Dirck) Romeyn, founder of Union College at Schenectady, N. Y., in 1785, kindly communicate with Mr. Lewis B. Sebring, Jr., 104 Martense Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.? Biographical material, references, and descriptions also are desired. It is hoped that a portrait of Dr. Romeyn can be discovered so a likeness can be presented to Union College on its annual Founders Day next February.

The day will be devoted to honoring Dr. Romeyn and the Dutch Reformed Church, of which he was a prominent minister in the late Eighteenth Century. Unusual difficulty is being encountered in finding any picture of him.

## MEMORIAL TO LINDELL T. BATES



HEREAS, MAJOR LINDELL T. BATES, a member of the Board of Trustees of The Holland Society of New York departed this life on the 13th day of April, 1937, in London, England, at the age of 47 years.

Now therefore, out of respect to our dear departed friend and associate, this Society sets forth in this minute a brief record of his remarkable career, to wit:

He was a famous international lawyer, being a member of the respective bars of this country, England, France and Spain, and a most active practitioner in the forums thereof.

He prepared for college at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and entered Yale University and was graduated therefrom in 1910. Before the age of 25 he held seven university degrees: Ph.B. from Yale; LL.M. from the New York Law School; LL.B. and J.D. from the New York University; LL.D. from the University of Paris, and Licenciade and LL.D. from the Central University of Spain. He was a Knight of the Cross of Isabel la Catolica of Spain.

He was an author of numerous legal articles in French, Spanish and English.

During the World War he assisted the Navy and Coast Guard in performing special defense work against submarines for which he received citations.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the St. Nicholas Society and the Huguenot Society and many other outstanding and important organizations.

In conclusion, it is respectfully requested that this tribute to our departed member be recorded by this Society in its minutes.

*This report of the Committee on Memorials was accepted and the Resolution adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes of the June Trustees' Meeting.*

## NEW AND OLD BOOKS

THE YEAR BOOK of The Holland Society covering all the years of the present decade should be in your hands before you read this. Its publication is a great source of satisfaction to those who have had it in charge, as the Officers and Trustees have viewed with alarm the long lapse in publication after an almost unbroken record of many years.

All old Year Books have been drastically reduced in price to a point far below their cost. It is not likely that they will ever go lower. Year Books without historical data are priced at \$1, and others with few exceptions are priced at \$2. A few volumes which are scarce command a price of \$2.50. All except the \$1 books contain valuable historical and genealogical material.

The Society's collections are priced as follows: \$2 for Domine Selyns' Diary; \$2.50 for the rare and valuable Bergen records, and \$2.50 for the volume of New Paltz records. The two volumes of especially rare and highly valued Hackensack and Schraalenburgh records sell for \$3 per volume.

The Secretary of the Society welcomes inquiry about the contents of these books and offers liberal discounts on orders above \$10. The books are not second-hand, but are entirely clean and new.





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Lauren Vedder Ackerman, M.D.	Munnsville, N. Y.
Seth Toby Cole	Albany, N. Y.
Gerald Wesley Lansing	Sheridan, Wyo.
Burgess Osterhout	Brooklyn, N. Y.
William B. Osterhout	Freeport, N. Y.
Norman H. Polhemus	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
David Arthur Sutphen	New York City
Meredith Underhill	New York City
William O. Van Blarcom	Fall River, Mass.
Albion Noyes Van Vleck	Jackson Heights, N. Y.
Edwin Garvin Zabriskie, M.D.	New York City

Elected to membership October 14:

Donald Williams Jacobus Helena, Mont.  
Philip Flagler Le Fevre Shanghai, China.  
Paul Osterhout, M.D. San Antonio, Texas  
Richard Schermerhorn, Jr. Montclair, N. J.  
John Hastings Van Horn Corpus Christi, Texas  
Herbert James Wyckoff Upper Darby, Pa.

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Lindell T. Bates  
Francis Bloodgood, Jr.  
Henry S. Demarest  
Charles E. Hendrickson  
Arthur J. Hopper  
Peres B. Polhemus  
William R. Prall  
Abraham C. Quackenbush  
Joseph Ferris Simmons  
Benjamin T. Van Alen  
Jaques Van Brunt  
Andrew B. Vanderbeek, Jr., M.D.  
James N. Vander Veer, M.D.

*New York City*  
*Milwaukee, Wis.*  
*Hempstead, N. Y.*  
*Red Bank, N. J.*  
*Ridgewood, N. J.*  
*Roselle Park, N. J.*  
*Boonton, N. J.*  
*Darien, Conn.*  
*New York City*  
*Jersey City, N. J.*  
*Brooklyn, N. Y.*  
*Paterson, N. J.*  
*Albany, N. Y.*

Richmond Hill, N. Y.  
New York City  
Cranford, N. J.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
New York City

From American Historical Association:  
*Annual Report, Vol. 1.* Proceedings 1933,  
1934, and 1935.

From Bank of the Manhattan Company: *New York the Empire State*. Vol. 11-S, The Manhattan Library.

From Edwin Doremus: *Alphabetical Index of Gravestone Inscriptions in Dutch Reformed Cemetery at Pompton Plains, N. J. and Nearby Burying Grounds.*

From New Hampshire Historical Society: *A Journal for the years 1739-1803*, by Samuel Lane of Stratham, N. H. Edited by Charles Lane Hanson (1937).

From Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York:  
*Reports and Proceedings*, July 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937.

From William Van Wyck: Fifty volumes relating to Dutch History, Geography and Genealogy in America and Abroad.

From the Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees, D.D.: *The Drama of William of Orange*, by L. H. Lehmann, D.D. (1937).

From Genealogical Society of New Jersey: *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*. Vol. XI, No. 2, Whole No. 44.

From Mrs. Gertrude A. Barber: *Abstracts of Wills of Columbia Co., N.Y. from Sept. 1840 to June 1846, copied and compiled by Mrs. Barber.*

From Dutchess County Historical Society: *Year Book*  
1936. Vol. 21 and Supplement.

From The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: *Year Book*.  
Vol. XII, 1936-1937.

From John C. Lowe: *The Old Streets of New York Under the Dutch*, by James W. Gerard (1874).

*Quarter-Millennial Anniversary of the Reformed Protestant Church of the City of New York, November 21, 1878.*

From James Van Wyck Osborne: *The Greatest Norman Conquest*, by James Van Wyck Osborne (1937).

By purchase the Library has acquired the following:  
*History of Brooklyn*, 3 Vols., by Stiles.

*Genealogy of the Lefferts Family*, by Teunis G. Bergen (1878).  
*Records of St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy, N. J.*

Salem Co., N. J., Genealogical Data.  
Schuyler's St. Michael's Church, Trenton, N. J.





## MEETINGS

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Society was held at the Hotel Astor in New York on April 6, and Walter M. Meserole, Secretary of the Society for many years, was elected President. Arthur D. Benson was elected Secretary in Mr. Meserole's place, and Arthur R. Wendell re-elected Treasurer. A slate of Vice-Presidents and Trustees also was accepted.

Dr. Frank P. Graves, New York State Commissioner of Education, received the Gold Medal of the Society on this occasion from retiring President John de C. Van Etten. Dr. Graves gave an address outlining the functions of the Board of Regents, of which he is the president, and described the contribution made by the early Dutch settlers in New Netherland to the cause of liberal education.

In his initial address as President, Mr. Meserole described many of the traditions which make The Holland Society unique among organizations of its kind.

THE FEDERATION OF HUGUENOT SOCIETIES IN AMERICA held its annual convention in New York City last May, and President Walter M. Meserole of The Holland Society was present as guest of honor at a luncheon. He delivered a brief address on the experiences of the Huguenots who, as refugees, had found asylum in the Netherlands and in the Dutch colonies of America.

On the following day a Holland-New Netherland plaque was dedicated in the Memorial Church of the Huguenots at Huguenot Park, Staten Island, at which Willis A. Voorhees represented the Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout, vice-president of The Holland Society for Richmond County. Part of the ritual was as follows:

"To Holland, homeland of freedom, and to her brave sons and daughters, who came to New Netherland that here the light of truth and liberty and brotherhood might ever shine undimmed. To the glory of the living God we dedicate this memorial."

POUGHKEEPSIE DISTRICT members and their guests, about thirty-five in number, met for the forty-eighth annual dinner of their branch in the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie, on October 2, in commemoration of the raising of the siege of Leyden, a traditional memorial of this branch. William A. Dutcher, president of the branch, presided, and Dr. J. Wilson Poucher acted as toastmaster. President Walter M. Meserole was among the guests.

AT THE JUNE TRUSTEES' MEETING, George S. Van Schaick was elected a Trustee to fill the un-

expired term of Lindell T. Bates, whose death was a genuine loss to the cause of the Society. A memorial to Mr. Bates, which was prepared by William Van Wyck, chairman of the Committee on Memorials, and read by him at this meeting, appears elsewhere in this issue.

Eleven new applicants were voted into membership in the Society, and a new scale of prices for back numbers of the Society's Year Books, which appears on page two of this issue, was approved.

THE ANNUAL JOINT MEETING of Trustees and Vice-Presidents of the Society took place in New York in May, and a large number of representatives from the several branches discussed problems of membership, finances, and the carrying on of Society traditions. From comments made by both the Vice-Presidents and Trustees, it seems certain that this meeting, one of the most interesting for executive members, was a valuable source of ideas which will soon be put into practice.

OCTOBER TRUSTEES' MEETING brought out three salient bits of news. President Meserole announced that a bequest from the late Ellen Rapelje Peabody amounting to \$1,000 would be received by the Society within a few months; the Trustees took action to facilitate the return to the Society's rolls of members who had been dropped or put on the suspended list within the past few years; and the Trustees approved the ordering of a guidon to identify the Burgher Guard on public occasions. The Guard, it was announced, has been built up and is functioning well under its Captain, Harold V. B. Voorhis.

THE RICHMOND COUNTY BRANCH of the Society met in February at the home of Willis A. Voorhees on Staten Island, and the Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout, Vice-President of the branch, gave a talk on the significance of the Dutch settlement of New Netherland. He made especial reference to the parts played by the settlers, and later a resolution was adopted suggesting the erection of an appropriate memorial to these pioneers. Mr. Haughwout was re-elected Vice-President.

THE ULSTER COUNTY BRANCH held its annual meeting in Kingston on June 19 at the Hotel Stuyvesant, with William E. Bruyn, Vice-President for Ulster County and a Trustee of the Society, presiding. President Walter M. Meserole of the parent Society and several of the Trustees attended.

CAPITAL DISTRICT BRANCH of The Holland Society held its annual dinner in the Fort Orange Club, Albany, on the evening of April 30.







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### ANNUAL MEETING

JUAN T. TRIPPE, president of Pan American Airways, will receive the gold medal of The Holland Society at the Annual Meeting, to be held on Wednesday night, April 6, at the Hotel Astor, for his services in behalf of "scientific air transportation."

As a special feature of the meeting Mr. Trippe will bring with him several reels of motion pictures showing the dramatic progress his company has made in extending air transportation over the greater part of the western hemisphere and across the Pacific—one of the most thrilling progress stories of modern times. The story of Pan American Airways is too well known to be recounted in detail here, but briefly, the company's lines extend across the Caribbean, around South America, cross the Pacific, and to Bermuda.

As usual, the meeting will start promptly at 8 o'clock, so that it will be concluded in time for members to get trains. The business session and formal presentation proceedings will be followed by the serving of a collation, which will allow members and guests an opportunity for the informal reunions which have come to be so welcome a part of the occasion. President Walter M. Meserole will preside.

Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y., founded in 1795, honored the Rev. Dr. Dirck Romeyn, Dutch Reformed minister, as the leader in its founding at special exercises on February 25. L. B. Sebring, of Schenectady, and L. B. Sebring, Jr., of New York City, both members of The Holland Society, presented a commemorative tablet, and Mr. Sebring, Jr., was awarded the honorary degree of Master of Letters. The Rev. Dr. W. H. S. Demarest, domine of The Holland Society, was one of the speakers.

### TRUSTEES' MEETING

Decision to change the headquarters of The Holland Society from 90 West Street to the new building to be erected in Rockefeller Center, New York, to be known tentatively as "Holland House," was made at the March meeting of the Trustees of the Society.

Plans for the building call for its erection by April, 1939, and it is not unlikely that The Holland Society will be one of the first organizations having ties with the Netherlands to move into the spacious new quarters in one of New York's most renowned modern developments.

Housed in the structure, which will be of several stories in height, conforming generally in appearance to the existing buildings in Rockefeller Center, will be most of the organizations—both Dutch and American—now existing in New York City and having commercial or sentimental ties with the Netherlands. Included, of course, will be the Netherlands Consulate General, the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce offices, Dutch land, sea and air transportation lines, and social organizations.

The Holland Society quarters are expected to be more commodious than those occupied now, although the rent will be no more. The new offices will furnish more opportunity for members and their families to have occasional gatherings, while the Society, with the additional space available, will continue its policy of maintaining exhibits of pertinent historical material.

The decision to move into the new quarters was contained in a formal resolution adopted by the Trustees. Further announcement of the time of moving and other details of (*Continued on Page 4*)





# A DUTCH MORTUARY BOARD EXPLAINED

By William J. Hoffman\*

UPON entering the office of The Holland Society, a large wooden panel covered with coats-of-arms and inscriptions, catches the eye.

It is a mortuary board, funeral escutcheon or hatchment. It was donated to the Society by Mrs. Henry A. Van Liew of New York City. Mr. Van Liew, a descendant of Frederick Hendricksen van Liewen, who emigrated from Holland to this country about 1670, was a member of the Society from 1897 until 1933.

Such funeral escutcheons were hung in the churches in memory of deceased persons. A rather substantial fee was charged by the church for this privilege and the custom was restricted to the well-to-do and those of importance in the community.

In 1795, the year of the "Dutch Revolution", vandals entered the different churches and in the name of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, demolished whatever they considered to be the marks of distinction of the hated aristocracy. The arms on tombstones were hacked out, funeral escutcheons destroyed. In many instances, however, where ever possible, and before the damage was done, the latter were removed from the churches for safekeeping and remained in the possession of those who could claim relationship with the person originally honored. Gradually a large number of these hatchments found a worthy resting place in various museums. Others reached the hands of antique dealers and were eventually sold to the highest bidder.

It was unknown at The Holland Society to whom the funeral escutcheon applied, as no name was indicated. However the date of death and the coats-of-arms were the means of identifying the person thus honored.

The main coat in the center, by its oval shape, tells us that this hatchment refers to a woman. The black and white cord around the shield indicated a widow. The main arms in the center are impaled, the dexter side is the coat-of-arms of her husband, the sinister side her own arms as is evident from the fact that this sinister side corresponds with the arms at the top

of those at the left hand side of the board when faced by the observer. As these arms are marked *de Ruever*, it follows that the escutcheon concerns a Miss de Ruever, who died (the *o* stands for *Obiit*) on August 24, 1742, and who was the widow of someone bearing the arms of the dexter half of the main arms of the funeral escutcheon.

These arms, Gules 3 fishes nayant in pale Or, by consulting *Re nesse*, proved to be the arms of a well known Utrecht family named Myen. With this knowledge in hand a *de Ruever* genealogy was consulted and therein was found *Catharina de Ruever* who died August 24, 1742, and who was at that time the widow of *Jacob Meyen, J(uris) U(triusque) D(oc)tor*, member of the city council and treasurer of Utrecht.

The subject of the hatchment had therefore been found.

It remained to identify the other persons represented by the remaining arms.

In reading the names above the eight "quartering coats", one familiar with Dutch genealogy and heraldry soon realizes that the names are all of families identified with the city of Utrecht. *De Ruever*, *van Benthem*, *van Wyckersloot*, *Salms* (*Salmius*), *van de Sande*, all are well-known Utrecht magistrate families.

These eight coats-of-arms are placed in the customary conventional way and represent the names and arms of the eight great-grandparents of the subject. The four at the left belong to the father's four grandparents, and the ones to the right to the mother's four grandparents right and left respectively when faced by the observer. There are in existence funeral escutcheons with 2, 4, 6,

16 and even 32 armorial quarterings, see for example *Baxter A Godchild of George Washington*, p. 401.

In this connection it should be stated here that funeral escutcheons should not be used as proof of descent. They may serve as a lead but as there are a large number of cases where mistakes were made—in most instances due to a desire to exalt the ancestry—one has to be careful when examining such escutcheons or tombstones with armorial quarterings.

Numbering the lefthand side arms, starting at the top, with uneven numbers and those at the righthand side with even numbers, one obtains the following list. 1. *de Ruever*; 3. *van Berck*; 5. *van de (n) Sande*; 7. *Vedermans*; 2. *van Benthem*; 4. *Salms* (*Salmius*); 6. *Schuyt*; 8. *van Wyckersloot*. These numbers correspond with the following diagram (*Continued on Page 4*)



\*Mr. Hoffman is a member of the publication committee of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, and has published in *The Record* of that Society detailed histories of many of the leading American families of Dutch descent.





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## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees December 9, 1937:

Louis Faugeres Bishop, M.D.,	New York City
George Bruce Cortelyou, Jr.,	New York City
Martin J. De Witt,	Wallkill, N. Y.
Rev. Walter Pettit Doty,	New York City
Charles Reeve Vanneman,	Albany, N. Y.

Elected to membership March 10, 1938:

Egbert H. Bogardus,	New York City
Addison Durland,	New York City
Percy L. Hance,	New York City
Albert Edward Oliver,	Albany, N. Y.
Howard F. Schermerhorn,	New York City
Benjamin Muirheid Van Cleve,	Maplewood, N. J.
Paul Beery Van Dyke, M.D.,	New York City
Rev. J. Roy Van Wyck, D.D.,	Whitby, Ontario, Canada

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

S. Vedder Bradt	Schenectady, N. Y.
Everett James Esselstyn	New York City
Dr. George Ellery Hale (Medalist)	Pasadena, Calif.
Rev. Melancthon W. Jacobus, D.D.	Hartford, Conn.
William H. Kowwenhoven	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Henry B. Vanderveer	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Louis O. Van Doren	Chatham, N. J.
Joseph H. Van Wyck	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Albert Zabriskie	Paterson, N. J.

## ANNUAL BANQUET

THE 53d ANNUAL BANQUET of The Holland Society was held on November 10, 1937, at the Hotel Plaza, with Chief Judge Frederick E. Crane, of the New York State Court of Appeals, and Ralph McAllister Ingersoll, vice president and general manager of Time, Inc., as the principal speakers. The greetings of the government of the Netherlands and of the Netherlands Minister to Washington, Jonkheer H. M. van Haersma de With, were brought by Count van Rechteren Lampurg, Charge d'Affaires of the Legation. President Walter M. Meserole delivered the address of welcome.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has received the following gifts since the last issue of DE HALVE MAEN:

From Algemeen Nederlandsch Verbond: *Neerlandia*.

From American Historical Association: *Annual Report for the year 1933—Writings on American History 1933*.

From The Massachusetts Society of the Colonial Dames of America: *A History of the Massachusetts Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 1893-1937*, compiled by Virginia Atkinson Gardner.

From California Society, Daughters of the American Revolution: *Records of California Pioneers, Vol. 2*.

From The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: *Year Book 1937-1938, Vol. XIII*.

From Dutcher Family Association: *Vol. 2, Nos. 3 and 4 of Dutcher Family Association*.

From Dutchess County Historical Society: *Year Book for 1937*.

From John K. Fitch: *History of the Fitch Family, 2 Volumes*, by Roscoe Conkling Fitch.

From William D. Ligon, Jr.: *Proceedings of the Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association, Vol. I, No. 1, October, 1937*.

From Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde te Leiden: *Year Book 1935-1936 and 1936-1937*.

From St. George's Society of New York: *Annual Report and Constitution for the year 1937*.

From Richard Schermerhorn, Jr.: *Bible dated 1744 containing records of the Van der Volgen and Peek Families*.

From Donald K. Vanneman: *Photostat copy of the Vanneman Family Chart*.

From The Wyckoff Association in America: *The Wyckoff Family Bulletin, Vol. I, No. 2*.

From Hiram B. Blauvelt: *Typewritten copy of additional notes on Jersey Dutch Dialect* by L. G. van Loon, M.D.

From New York Chapter of the Colonial Order of the Acorn: *Year Book 1936*.

From General Court of Patriotic Societies of America: *Bulletin of Events for 1938*.

From Arthur R. Wendell: *Bulletin of The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Old-Time New England, Vol. XXVIII, No. 3, Serial No. 91, January, 1938*.

From Mrs. Gertrude A. Barber: *List of Members of the Sardinia, Erie Co., N. Y. Baptist Church*.

*Abstracts of Wills of Washington County, N. Y. from 1788-1814*.

From George B. Wendell: *Emblamata Florentii Schoonhovii I. C. Goudani, with 74 copper plate engravings. Published in Amsterdam in 1648*.

*Denton's Description of New York formerly New Netherlands 1670*.

*Zinne-Beelden der Liefde, met Puntigten en Aanteekeningen van Mr. Willem den Elger. Published in Leyden in 1700*.

From Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick: *Year Book 1937*.





# TRUSTEES' MEETING

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interest to members will be made in later issues of De Halve Maen.

Several changes in the policies of the Society also were made by the Trustees, on the basis of nearly thirty recommendations advanced by a Ways and Means Committee headed by former President Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., which was appointed at the December meeting. Many of the changes dealt with a revised budget system to meet current business conditions, the decision to move into "Holland House" being one of them.

Because of limited space in this issue of De Halve Maen, many of the matters considered cannot now be set forth, but a few of them follow:

The Trustees voted that the Society publish a Year Book every two years, the response to the most recent one, published last fall for the first time since 1929, having been so encouraging.

Steps were voted to be taken to enlarge The Burgher Guard, the group of younger members of the Society, and to increase its participation in the general activities of the Society, so that the young men can feel that they have as definite a place as have the older members. In order to increase interest in this project, it was voted to allot \$200 annually to The Burgher Guard, and the Trustees also authorized the awarding of an annual prize of \$25 to the member under thirty years of age who, in the opinion of the Trustees, contributes the best essay dealing with early Dutch influences on American life, institutions and traditions. Further details regarding this award will be published later.

In two resolutions dealing with the annual banquet, the Trustees voted to hold the price of tickets to \$5 each, if possible, and to vary the type of entertainment at the banquet. There also was considerable discussion of the means of making all members, and especially new members, more acquainted with each other at the banquets, and a special attempt will be made to introduce new members to as many as possible of the older ones at the first banquet after their election.

The Trustees fixed Wednesday, May 4, as this year's date for the annual meeting of the Trustees and the Vice-Presidents.

Among other matters of interest at preceding Trustees' meetings not previously reported was the election of Colonel Leigh K. Lydecker as a Trustee in place of John C. Traphagen, whose resignation was accepted with regret.

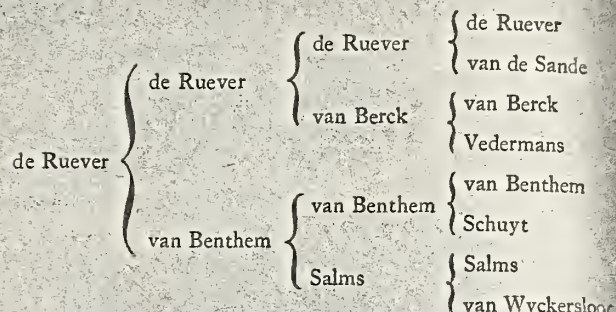
# A DUTCH MORTUARY BOARD EXPLAINED

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which is the accepted conventional way of numbering a Dutch pedigree chart:

1. de Ruever	x	3. van Berck	x	2. van Benthem	x	4. Salms	x
5. van de Sande	x	7. Vedermans	x	6. Schuyt	x	8. van Wyckersloot	x
1. de Ruever	x	3. van Berck	x	2. van Benthem	x	4. Salms	x
1. de Ruever				2. van Benthem			
				1. de Ruever			
				died August 24, 1742.			

Reduced to chart form, the above listing appears as follows:



Genealogies, some printed, others in manuscript, of the families listed above were consulted and a few dates looked up in the vital records of Utrecht with the following result:

1-5 *Cornelis de Ruever*, d. prior to Nov. 10, 1640, married *Geertruid Aertsdr. van den Sande*, who died between Nov. 10, 1640 and March 12, 1650.

Their son:

1-3 Master-at-Law *Aert de Ruever*, steward of the abby of St. Servaas at Utrecht, married Utrecht St. Catharina church May 16, 1643 *Catharina van Berck*, d. Utrecht Oct. 8, 1700, a daughter of (3-7) *Anthonijs van Berck* d. Utrecht Aug. 4, 1651 sheriff of Houten, 'tGoy and Hoochlandt (near Utrecht), married to *Wynanda Vedermans*.

Their son was:

1- *Cornelis de Ruever*.

Now proceeding to the maternal side of the pedigree:

2-6 *Lubbert van Benthem* married *Engelbertje Gysberts Schuyt*, whose son

2-4 *Albertus van Benthem* married 1640 *Gouda Salmius* a daughter of (4-8) Master-at-law *Anselmuis Salmius*, who died Utrecht Feb. 20, 1640 and married *Hendricka van Wyckersloot*, b. Utrecht Sept. 11, 1584 and d. 1636.

Their daughter

2 *Hendrina van Benthem* who married 1- *Cornelis de Ruever* and were the parents of *Catharina de Ruever* the subject of the funeral escutcheon.

It is therefore evident that the data found check in every detail with the information conveyed by the funeral escutcheon and consequently the identification is thereby completed.







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### THE BANQUET

The 54th Annual Banquet of The Holland Society will be held on Thursday, November 17, at the Hotel Plaza, New York City, furnishing again to the membership of the Society, prospective members, and male guests the opportunity of gathering in an atmosphere of reunion and conviviality.

The one speaker on the evening's program will be Brigadier General Brice P. Disque, U.S.A. (retired), widely known for his patriotic and military activities. A motion picture, entitled "Wheels Across Africa," in color and with full sound effects, will be shown. The menu, as usual, will include the traditional Netherlands dish of "Hutspot," tracing its origin back to the raising of the siege of Leiden on October 3, 1574.

From the office of The Holland Society the Secretary sends this word regarding the dinner:

"We want this to be a record dinner in attendance, so arrange to cast aside your cares and problems of the day. You will find at this dinner an abundance of cultural fellowship, and an excellent menu, with additions to break down excess formality."

General Disque, the speaker, has a distinguished record as a soldier in two wars, and since the World War has become well known as an industrial executive.

The Secretary wishes to remind the members that there still is time to obtain copies of many old Year Books of the Society, some free of charge and others at a cost of \$1.00 a volume. Each order must be accompanied by \$1.00 to cover cost of packing and shipment. Many members who have obtained copies of the books have found material of intense personal and historical interest. Copies of the valuable "Old Dutch Houses" books also are still available, and can be obtained at a cost far below what they will be bringing in a few years.

### RETROSPECT AND FORECAST

For many years the reports of the Treasurer of The Holland Society showed a growing deficit due to spending in some years amounts greater than the income of the current year, and incoming officers were continually being faced with the necessity of paying notes given in anticipation of the following year's dues. Such borrowing was necessary to meet the cost of operation in the preceding years. As a consequence, with the mounting costs of all services, and the beginning of our feeling the effects of the depression resulting in decrease in income from the collection of dues, radical reform was found necessary about eight years ago. As any bolstering of the income seemed impossible at that time, the Trustees made drastic retrenchments by cutting out entirely several very important branches of the Society's work, as well as by eliminating every little expenditure that would save money without seriously affecting the services that were continued.

The largest features deleted from our program were the publication of the Year Book after 1929, the discontinuance of the second membership meeting which was formerly held in November and at which the annual award of the Gold Medal of the Society was made, and the practice instituted some years previous by the Trustees of turning over to the treasuries of organized Branches of the Society located at considerable distances from New York City a share of the dues collected from the members belonging to such Branches. This was for the purpose of fostering local meetings of the Branches which would serve to compensate in some measure to those members for their inability, because of distance, to attend the func- (Continued on page 4)





## FORTY YEARS A QUEEN

By Lewis B. Sebring, Jr.

IT would be unworthy of DE HALVE MAEN to pass the fall of 1938 without honoring in some way the recipient of the greatest outpouring of affection the Netherlands has known in many a year.

On September 6, 1938, Her Majesty, Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands, celebrated the fortieth anniversary of her accession to the throne, and for days before, and weeks afterward, received the congratulations and ovations not only of her own people, but of the people of other nations who have come to appreciate the qualities of administration and statemanship which she has demonstrated throughout her reign, the longest of any present-day European sovereign.

To set forth here the achievements of her reign would be to put too great a tax upon the limits of a small publication, but there can be pointed out what is perhaps even more important, the place that she holds in the hearts of her people. Souvenir booklets of all sorts on sale throughout the Netherlands during this year bring it out in a small way, and newspapers and magazines recently received here show by word and picture even more forcibly the outward manifestations of that feeling, but for the true attitude of the people we must go to the people themselves.

So we shall turn to a few excerpts from a letter recently received by the writer from a friend in the Netherlands—a young engineer, of good family, who represents quite accurately, we believe, the great upper-middle-class of the nation. It is not an essay, but it is from the heart, and that is what counts.

"In the last few weeks," this friend writes under date of September 11, "you will have seen many pictures of our Queen in the newspapers. But when she goes through the streets these days, only four military guards are needed to prevent several thousands of people from crowding her too closely. Look at the films and you will see that ten policemen at the Dam (the main street in Amsterdam) were enough to keep 10,000 persons behind a certain section in the street.

"Then the Royal Family came out on to the balcony (of the palace in Amsterdam) and the policemen went away and the people ran forward. We have no organization; we are not military; we are not given to shouting—but we love our Queen without having to say so.

"No one thinks it necessary to tell others that our Queen is beloved; we think it self-evident.

The first impression that the stranger gathers is that we are a closed (close-mouthed) people; and it is right. We feel, but do not speak directly of it. I believe this comes from our nature as sailing people; on the sea one does not use many words to be understood.

"Only in the days of jubilee does one dare to let others see what is inside of him, and then the people have feasts and illuminations. But we do it ourselves; we don't need any department-of-illumination; we don't feel it a duty to put out the flags.

"Yesterday I visited a cinema to see the national film called 'Veertig Jaren' (Forty Years). The first part of the film showed something of the jubilee. I saw thousands of people shouting for joy when the Queen and her children came along. And I thought 'so much shouting only for one person.' But I thought it strange just for a moment; after that, I realized that our Queen was a very remarkable figure in our country.

"She is the silent force, reigning with very few words, acting in combination with the Ministers. And now the hearts of the people are open, and Queen Wilhelmina is receiving the love and high regard which she merits."

There was much more in the letter, but that tells the story—the story of a nation not confined to its little corner of Europe, but stretching out in a vast Empire to the Caribbean and to the Indies, a nation which has had peace for the reign of its present sovereign, and longer.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Juan T. Trippe, president and general manager of the Pan American Airways System, was the speaker at the annual meeting of The Holland Society, held on April 6 at the Hotel Astor. At the conclusion of the meeting he received the gold medal of the Society for his services in behalf of "scientific air transportation."

Besides giving a fascinating talk on the work being done by his company, Mr. Trippe also showed several reels of motion pictures taken on the various routes of Pan American Airways—to the Central and South American countries, and to Hawaii, the Philippines and China.

In his recitation of the history of the advance of air transportation, Mr. Trippe cited a point of particular interest to Holland Society members when he said that "the only available maps for part of Yucatan and Central America, and which were used as our first flying maps, were crude navigation charts of the old Dutch sailing masters who sailed the Caribbean in the early 17th Century."

Pan American today comprises 50,000 miles of airways to 47 foreign countries and colonies.

At the Annual Meeting of The Holland Society of New York, held April 6th, 1938, the Committee on Memorials presented the following preamble and resolution which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, BRUYN HASBROUCK, a member of the Board of Trustees of The Holland Society of New York, departed this life at New Paltz on March 22nd, 1938; and

WHEREAS, this Society desires to express its gratitude for the services rendered by Mr. Hasbrouck, whose kindly disposition, constructive and industrious efforts to advance the interests of the Society, both as an officer and member of this Board, have been deeply appreciated. It is therefore

RESOLVED, that we hereby record our sorrow in the loss we have sustained by the passing of our dear friend and associate, and order that the foregoing be made a part of our records and an engrossed copy thereof be transmitted to his family with an expression of our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.





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## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

The Holland Society of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees June 9:

John Hudson Blauvelt, M.D.	Nyack, N. Y.
William Bridges Johnson, M.D.	Washington, D. C.
Henry Theodore Leggett	New York City
John Duncan Quackenbos, 2nd	Tuckahoe, N. Y.
George B. Van Wyck	Butler, N. J.
Harold Gerit Veeder	Loudonville, N. Y.
Enders McClumpha Voorhees	Hewlett, N. Y.

Elected to membership Oct. 13:

Lemuel Earl Du Bois	Ashokan, N. Y.
Charles Augustus Van Deusen	Hudson, N. Y.
Edgar Brundred Van Wagoner	East Orange, N. J.
Joseph Oscar Hasbrouck	Modena, N. Y.
James Ard Haughwout	Upper Montclair, N. J.
John Thompson Seaman	New York City
Aubrey James Voorhees	Albany, N. Y.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

Willard Baker	Sharon, Conn.
Elmer Blauvelt	Oradell, N. J.
Charles A. Ditmas	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Bruyn Hasbrouck	New Paltz, N. Y.
George P. Hotaling	New York, N. Y.
James S. Newkirk	Ridgewood, N. J.
Francis Jay Underhill	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Marshall B. Van Cott	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Arthur P. Van Schaick	Southport, Conn.
William L. Visscher	Albany, N. Y.
Harvey M. Voorhees	Trenton, N. J.

The Holland Society of New York has been informed by the manufacturers of its medals, Dieges & Clust, 17 John Street, that new prices have been fixed for the sterling silver gilt medal. The large size is now \$10, instead of \$5.60, and the miniature size \$7.50, as against the old price of \$5.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF



The Library has received the following acquisitions since the last issue of DE HALVE MAEN:

*By gift and exchange.*

From Mrs. Gertrude A. Barber: *Records from the Lourens Vanderpool Bible*, copied by H. J. Quilhot of Detroit, Mich.

From Edgar J. Bullard: *Bullard and Allied Families* (1930); *Other Bullards, a Genealogy, supplementary to Bullard and Allied Families* (1928); *Bennett and Allied Families, addenda to Bullard and Allied Families* (1931).

From Collegiate Reformed Church: *Year Book for 1938*.

From Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York: *Year Book 1936-1938*.

From Mrs. H. Derderian, daughter of the late Daniel T. Ronk: *Hoffman Genealogy; Mss. records of the Ronk, Ostrander, Hasbrouck, Schoonmaker, Van Aken and Allied Families; Some baptismal, marriage and tombstone records of the Van Brunt family*.

From Long Island Historical Society: *The Long Island Historical Society, 1863-1938: A Record in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Society in 1863*.

From The Netherland Benevolent Society of New York: *30th Annual Report, 1937*.

From New York Historical Society: *Collections for the year 1936, Vol. LXIX: The Arts and Crafts in New York 1726-1776*.

From Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York: *Year Book for 1938*.

From Richard Schermerhorn, Jr.: *Year Book of the Schenectady County Historical Society, 1906-1908*.

From Lewis B. Sebring, Jr.: *Wapens, Vlaggen en Zegels Van Nederland*, by T. Van Der Laars. Published in Amsterdam, Holland, 1913.

*Hollandsche Vlag op standard and Oranje Vlag op standard*

From American Historical Association: *Annual Report for year 1936*.

From Staten Island Historical Society: *The Staten Island Historian, Vol. I, Nos. 1, 2 and 3*.

From Ulster-Irish Society, Inc.: *Tenth Anniversary Year Book*.

From Union Club: *Year Book for 1938*.

From Miss Mae Van Cott: *Van Cott Genealogy, 3 Volumes*, by Lila James Roney.

From The Wyckoff Association of America: *Report of the Second Annual Meeting of the Wyckoff Association in America, Vol. II, No. 1*.

From Wheeler N. Voorhees: *Proceedings of the 275th Anniversary of the Van Voorhees Family in America*.

From Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York: *Reports and Proceedings July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938*.

From Michigan Society, Sons of the American Revolution: *Year Book 1936-1937*.

From Mrs. H. A. Wilbur: *Memories of Mary Hulburt Matteson, with Lineages of Mary Hulburt and Horace Matteson (1938)*.





## RETROSPECT AND FORECAST

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tions provided by the Society for the members living near New York City.

As a result of these retrenchments the Society in 1937 found its accounts again in the black with all debts paid, and was able to finance the printing of a Year Book to cover the gap between 1929 and 1937 when no books were published. Publication of the Year Book will continue in alternate years.

The Trustees have also decided that this year the second membership meeting shall be reinstated, the meeting to be held probably in the latter part of January, because the former date in November is now taken by the advancing of the time of the Annual Banquet, and that the annual subsidy to the distant organized Branches shall be resumed.

Our Burgher Guard under its new set-up is now sure to develop into a sub-organization of our young men which is going to be very vital in the life of our Society, so some provision must be made for its financing from the Society funds.

The contemplated removal to a new headquarters in Rockefeller Center, where many additional services may be possible for the membership, will bring some increase in operating expense, and unless a little larger income is available the finances will quickly return to the old muddled condition. The Trustees have therefore thought wise to act under the authority conferred on them by the Constitution to increase the dues to \$10.00 per annum, to commence with the beginning of the next fiscal year, February 1, 1939, and they feel sure that the membership will find a resulting improvement in the activities of the Society that will fully justify the addition to the dues. This increase will equalize the dues of our Society with those paid in all other societies of a similar type.

The installation of new headquarters at Rockefeller Center will of course mean a real outlay of money for both the expenses of removal and the purchase of adequate and suitable furnishings, but this has been provided for in a manner that will entail no encroachment on the money available for the operating expenses of the Society.

Dr. L. G. van Loon of Reading, Pa., a member of The Holland Society, and compiler of treatises on the Dutch Dialects of the Mohawk Valley, has written a book under the title "Crumbs from an Old Dutch Closet—The Dutch Dialect of old New York." Publication was by Martinus Nijhoff, The Hague, and the price is \$1.00. The contents include Orthography, Parts of Speech, Glossary, and jingles, rhymes and stories. The book is an interesting and valuable work on a subject in which many members of the Society are interested.

## TRUSTEES' MEETINGS

At the quarterly meeting of the trustees, held on October 13 at the Metropolitan Club, New York City, Francklyn Hogeboom, as the trustee in charge of The Burgher Guard, the young men's group of the Society, reported that at a dinner meeting held on October 10, seventeen members of the Guard were present, and that twenty-six members of the Society had indicated a desire to join. This, Mr. Hogeboom explained, was indicative of the progress being made by the Burgher Guard, of which Rufus Cole Van Aken is captain.

It was announced that the administration of the New York World's Fair, 1939, has set apart July 6, 1939, as Holland Society Day at the fair. Further details will be announced later.

The election of seven new members was approved by the Trustees, bringing the total membership to 884, when and if all of those elected qualify.

The June quarterly meeting of the Trustees was held in the Hotel Astor, and extensive reports were given on the spring activities of the Society. Among outside activities in which members of the Society took part was the dinner given by the Holland-America Line on board its new flagship, the Nieuw Amsterdam, at Hoboken on May 18. President Walter M. Meserole and Mrs. Meserole, and Secretary Wheeler N. Voorhees and Mrs. Voorhees were present, as were former President John deC. Van Etten and Mrs. Van Etten, and Trustee Fenton B. Turck, Jr., and Mrs. Turck.

Roscoe V. Elsworth of Ulster County was elected Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bruyn Hasbrouck, a memorial to whom was adopted, and appears elsewhere in this issue of DE HALVE MAEN.

## BRANCH MEETINGS

THE ULSTER COUNTY BRANCH of The Holland Society held its annual banquet on Saturday, June 18, at the Hotel Stuyvesant in Kingston, with the usual large attendance and a memorable program. The principal speaker was William F. Bleakley of Westchester County, former Justice of the State Supreme Court, who reminded his listeners of the great debt that modern American civilization owes to the early Dutch settlers of Nieuw Amsterdam. Mayor C. J. Heiselman of Kingston, Consul General W. P. Montijn of the Netherlands, from New York City, and President Walter M. Meserole of the Society also spoke, and William E. Bruyn, Ulster County vice-president of the Society, presided.

THE 49TH ANNUAL Hutspot Dinner of the Dutchess County Branch was held on October 3 at the Nelson House in Poughkeepsie. Because of the date—the anniversary of the raising of the siege of Leiden in 1574, the serving of the traditional dish dating back to that occasion was a feature of the dinner.

THE MEMBERS of the Capitol District Branch held their annual dinner on May 20 at the Mohawk Club, Schenectady, which is on the site of the home of Arent Van Curler, the Dutch founder of the city.







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### THIS ONE IS ON THE HOUSE

BACK ON AN old-time schedule with the full number of gatherings in a year, The Holland Society will start 1939 in high gear with a combined dinner, smoker, and get-together on Friday, January 20, in the Hotel Pennsylvania. Assembly will be at 6:30, dress will be informal, guest tickets will be \$2.50, and there will be *no charge to members*. Suburbanites will be glad to know that the dinner will precede the evening's fun, so that a caught train will not mean a missed dessert.

There has been for some time a feeling that a meeting should be held chiefly in the interest of fun, hilarity, and even frivolity. The Committee on Meetings has decided that this will be it. During the evening a "color cocktail" will be mixed by Herbert T. Strong, and the entire program will be streamlined and novel.

### COLD CASH PAID TO MEMBERS UNDER THIRTY

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS will be awarded by the Society for the best essay on the subject of the influence of the settlers of New Amsterdam on American life and institutions or relating to the history or traditions of the settlement and development of New Amsterdam.

*Rules:* The contest is limited to members under thirty years of age.

The essay is limited to 3,000 words.

The decision of a majority of the members of the Committee on Meetings will be final.

All essays must be addressed and mailed to The Holland Society of New York, 90 West Street, New York City, New York, in time to reach said address on or before March 1, 1939, and they will become the property of the Society.

### BURGHER GUARD ANSWERS CALL TO THE COLORS

AFTER cautiously feeling its way for a couple of years, the Burgher Guard has at last blossomed forth as an energetic, full-fledged organization for the younger members of the Society. Two dinner meetings have been held in New York City recently, and the Burgher Guard was highly commended at the December Trustees' Meeting for its activity at the Annual Banquet.

Rufus Cole Van Aken, Captain of the Guard, under whose stimulus the former Flag Committee of the Society has become a close-knit group, extends an invitation to all younger members to communicate with him through the Office of the Society, and join the Burgher Guard.

Members now active in addition to Captain Van Aken are: Cornelius Ackerson, William Cairns Banta, Jr., James Henry Blaüvelt, John Henry Brinckerhoff, Charles Dingman Brodhead, John LeFoy Brouwer, IV, Bruce Saxton Cornell, Harrison Deyo, Philip Rogers Deyo, Garret James Garretson, II, Remsen Johnson, Jr., Frederick Pomeroy Palen, Jr., C. Newton Schenck, Jr., J. Cornell Schenck, Teunis Schenck, Richard Carteret Sutton, Peter Van Brunt, Edward Morris Van Buren, Jr., Arthur Brown Van Buskirk, Dr. Frank Barnes Vanderbeek, T. Morris Van der

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## IN MEMORIAM — SEYMOUR VAN SANTVOORD

December 17, 1858—November 14, 1938



AMONG the names of distinguished men who have held membership in The Holland Society of New York, that of Seymour van Santvoord will always rank high. Lawyer, statesman, author, he excelled in every activity

in which he engaged. The years he served as President of the Society, 1916, 1917, 1918, the difficult years of the World War, were years of constructive work, delightful companionship and inspiring leadership. His interest in the broad ideals of The

Holland Society never flagged and his untiring activity never ceased until ill health forced him to forego the activities of a busy life.

The memory of Seymour van Santvoord, his contribution to civic life as well as to The Holland Society, will remain as an inspiration and a guide not only to those who worked shoulder to shoulder with him but to the younger generation as well.

This memorial briefly expressing the affection, regard, appreciation and deep sorrow at his passing, will become a part of the Society's records and will be transmitted to the surviving members of his family.

### THE HORSE HANGS HIGH FOR GOOD LUCK

By Dr. L. G. van Loon,  
Reading, Pennsylvania

THE VIGOROUS DENIAL of the "Pennsylvania Dutch" farmer-gentleman some time ago that the symbols painted on Pennsylvania barns were of "hex" symbolism brings to mind a peculiarity indulged in many years ago by Dutch farmers (not the Pennsylvania variety, who were German) of the upper Hudson and lower Mohawk valleys. They were said to have placed some portion of a horse's skeleton at the peak of the barn gable, or over a shed on the property. It was also said that the skull was the most frequently used portion.

Whether this was done up to the advent of the Nineteenth Century is not known, but it is believed not. Yet older members of some of the rural families related that they had heard from their grandparents that such a custom once prevailed. Probably it was done by some individuals during the early period of colonization and then continued by one or two generations, after which it died out as most of the old folklore did.

As to the origin of the custom, this is something which is like all folklore—it can often be traced back fairly clearly until one gets to the Seventeenth Century or the Sixteenth Century, where it is lost in the great middle age haze which enveloped all of the developing knowledge at that time. However, there might be some interest and at the same time some support for our belief that such was the case in earlier days by the observation

made by T. Van der Laars in his book, *Wapens, Vlaggen en Zegels van Nederland* (Arms, flags and seals of the Netherlands), who states that the late Mr. Van Someren Brand, a conservator of the Municipal Museum at Amsterdam, told him that in 1898 in the Dutch provinces of Overysel and Gelderland he had met with farmers who gave a magic significance to the horse, and that one formerly saw the skeleton of a horse above the stables and the barns. The fact that some of our grandparents related that they had heard of a horse's skull being set atop the roof in this case is not just coincidence!

It is significant that the provinces of Gelderland and Overysel, as well as portions of Drenthe, are really the last reposing places for much of the real old Dutch customs and folklore that were probably very prevalent in northern Europe a couple of centuries ago. If the modern tourist would see the old Dutch farms and their people he has but to take a trip through the *uithoekjes* of these provinces, where the writer has also seen figures of horses painted in white on the doors of the barns. Farmers who were questioned knew only that it had "always been done so" and that it was for good luck.

### BURGHER GUARD

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Veer, Dr. Paul B. Van Dyke, Hoghland Van Norden, John Wyckoff Van Siclen, Harold V. B. Voorhis, George Blunt Wendell, Jr., and Stryker Williamson. The Guard is soon to issue a "Who's Who" of its membership.





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### VALUES

A NATURAL IMPULSE of most men is to examine critically the values they receive when prices go up. And members should note particularly that they get full value now that Holland Society dues are to be raised to a level where those of other comparable organizations have been for some time.

Many of these other organizations have large memberships local to New York City, and the attendance at their annual dinners exceeds that at The Holland Society's. But our Society, with a large out-of-town membership, has annual branch dinners at a half-dozen suburban centers. In recognition of the fact that these distant members cannot so readily add to the brilliance of The Holland Society's Annual Banquet, branch organizations have a substantial per-member rebate paid to them to assist them in holding these dinners.

Furthermore the Society, back on its old schedule, offers two meetings a year without charge to members. Many out-of-towners find these meetings, at which refreshments are substantial, well worth the carfare.

There are dozens of other arguments that could be raised to prove that Holland Society membership is well worth the price.

The Society does not fear that the slight increase in its dues which goes into effect in a few weeks is going to affect greatly the number on its rolls. Too

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## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees December 8, 1938:

Lieut. John Bevier Ackerman	Rantoul, Ill.
Col. George Lane Van Deusen	Oceanport, N. J.
Edward Terhune Van de Water	Westport, Conn.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

George E. Nostrand	Brooklyn, N. Y.
John E. Ostrander	Amherst, Mass.
Seymour van Santvoord	Troy, N. Y.
Herman Greig Veeder	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Ferdinand Vreeland	Red Bank, N. J.

### ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

*By gift and exchange:*

From Mrs. Gertrude A. Barber: *Index of Wills, Washington County, N. Y. from 1825-1850, filed at the Surrogate's Office, Salem, N. Y.* Also *Index of Wills of Otsego County, N. Y. from 1792-1850, filed at Cooperstown, N. Y.*

From Cornell University: *Librarian's Report, 1937-38.*

From Sons of the Revolution in State of California: *Bulletin, Vol. XVII, No. 3, July-August-September, 1938.*

From Staten Island Historical Society: *The Staten Island Historian, Vol. L, No. 4, Serial Number 4, October, 1938.*

From The Wyckoff Association of America: *The Wyckoff Family Bulletin, Vol. II, No. 2, October, 1938.*

*By Purchase:*

*Narratives of New Netherland, 1609-1664, Edited by J. Franklin Jameson.*

*Minutes of the Common Council of the City of New York. Eight volumes.*

*Wyoming and Lackawanna Valleys, Pennsylvania. Two volumes.*

*History of Northampton County, Pennsylvania.*

*Hammond Atlas.*

*History of the Wolcott Family.*

*History of Greenwich, Washington County, New York.*

*Index of New Jersey Wills. Three volumes.*

*American Marriage Records before 1699, by W. M. Clemens.*

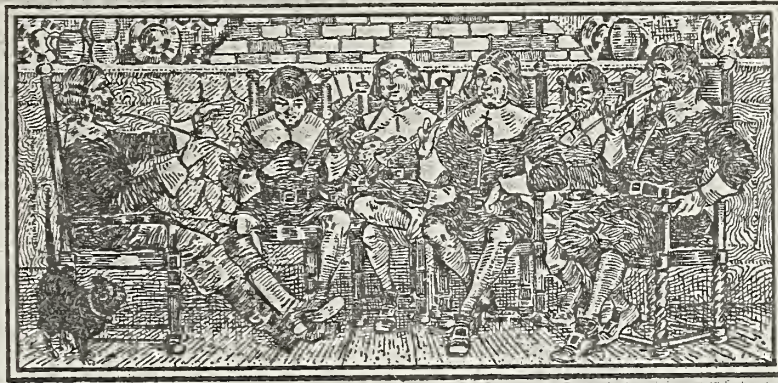
*History of the Huguenot Church in New York City, by Dr. J. A. F. Maynard.*

*History of Columbia County, New York (1878).*

*History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Edited by J. H. Battle (1887).*







## MEETINGS

THE TRUSTEES met December 8 at the Metropolitan Club in New York City.

Judge Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., chairman of the Committee on Meetings, announced that the 1939 Medalist will be Dr. Victor G. Heiser, author of *An American Doctor's Odyssey*, who will receive the Society's Gold Medal at the Annual Meeting on April 6 for outstanding service to public health. Dr. Heiser's address of acceptance is sure to be an outstanding event in the year's program. The Trustees confirmed the committee's selection of the Medalist.

Judge Ackerson also announced plans for the informal meeting which will be held January 20, and which is described elsewhere in these columns. Resumption of this meeting brings the Society's gatherings back to full schedule, with two informal meetings held without charge to members in addition to the Annual Banquet, which, in the interim of lean years, traded places with a discontinued informal meeting.

A memorial to Seymour van Santvoord, who joined The Holland Society in the second year of its life and became one of its Presidents and Trustees, was read. The memorial, prepared by George S. Van Schaick, chairman of the Committee on Memorials, is on page three of this issue.

The Trustees elected Frank H. Vedder a Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Van Santvoord. A nominating committee consisting of George S. Van Schaick, Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, Col. Leigh K. Lydecker, Henry D. Lott, and Lewis B. Sebring, Jr., was elected to propose a slate of officers for the coming year to be presented before the Society at the Annual Meeting.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH Annual Banquet of The Holland Society was held November 17, 1938, at the Hotel Plaza, New York City. There were 257 in attendance. The Burgher Guard paraded with the colors, the invocation was given by Domine

## MEETINGS

Ernest R. Palen, and Count van Rechteren Limpurg, Charge d'Affaires of the Royal Netherlands Legation, responded to the toast "to the Netherlands and her gracious Queen." Brigadier General Brice P. Disque, retired, spoke on "Politics Prospers on Poverty," and the evening closed with the showing of a motion picture, "Wheels Across Africa."

THE UNION COUNTY Branch held its annual banquet at the Hôtel Winfield Scott, Elizabeth, New Jersey, November 10, 1938. About fifty persons attended, which included Society members from Mercer, Middlesex, and Monmouth Counties, New Jersey, and Richmond County, New York. Officers elected for the ensuing year were Harold O. Voorhis, president; Walter H. Van Hoesen, vice president, and George B. Wendell, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

A MEETING of the Richmond County Branch was held October 20, 1938, at 3397 Hyland Boulevard, Bay Terrace, Staten Island, former homestead of the Holmes and Cole families. John S. De Lamater was elected president of the branch to succeed the Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout. After the meeting a brief talk was given on "The Story of a Staten Island Farmhouse."

## VALUES

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many persons throughout the recent hard times have said that they felt they could afford to give up their other clubs and organization memberships, but they valued Holland Society membership too highly to let it go.

The point is that a few are going to raise the argument that The Holland Society does not give its members as much for their money as some other similar organizations, and it seems timely right now to prove that actually it isn't so—that the mirage of "greener pastures elsewhere" is, after all, an illusion.







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### SMOKER MARKS SOCIETY'S NEW ERA

ANY MEMBER who didn't attend the informal meeting or "smoker" of the Society at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, on January 20, missed something.

It was, beyond a doubt, the friendliest, most informal, most enjoyable—and practically the most hilarious—meeting in a decade.

About 225 members and guests were present. For the better part of an hour, to begin with, they had nothing to do but slap backs, shake hands, and make acquaintances. Judge Henry E. Ackerson, chairman of the Committee on Meetings, finally enticed them to a substantial dinner, and the members' pleasure in enjoying themselves in their own way continued.

Later, when they were seated in a meeting room, they were ready to be entertained, and the Burgher Guard, bristling with blue-and-orange decorations and a brand-new "beaver" flag of their own, strutted in and stole the show. A stalwart two dozen, they marched and counter-marched to the orders of Captain Rufus Cole Van Aken, escorting speakers to the platform.

Trustee Ottomar H. Van Norden read a paper telling of the debt that New Amsterdam owed the beaver, which in early days served as an article of barter, a founder of family fortunes, and a means of furnishing friendly Indians with firearms to keep the French at arm's length from the colony.

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### TRUSTEES DROP HEADQUARTERS MOVE

AT A MEETING March 9, the Trustees elected 11 new members to the Society, making a total of 852 life and annual members when the newcomers qualify. They settled finally and for all time the question of whether descendants of early settlers in Suffolk County, Long Island, are eligible to membership. (This action will be reported more fully in the next Year Book). They restored publication of DE HALVE MAEN to a quarterly basis. They adopted a budget for the year. They set Wednesday, May 10, as the date for the annual Joint Meeting of Trustees and Vice-Presidents, and Thursday, November 23, as the date for this year's Banquet.

President Walter M. Meserole reported that a rental contract for 100 square feet of additional space to the Offices at 90 West Street had been signed. The project for removal to Holland House at Rockefeller Center appeared very attractive when it seemed that quarters could be had

there allowing of greatly extended operations without increase of expense, but actual negotiations developed the fact that the rent would be materially greater for equal facilities and that the use we might have of space rented by the Holland House Corporation would be of only limited value. We therefore are remaining at the old address, where we have been for over twenty-five years, with added space and a real reduction of rent to the

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#### ANNUAL MEETING

Always one of the Society's most important events during the year, the Annual Meeting is to be held at the Hotel Astor, Broadway & 44th Street, on the evening of April 6 will be unusually interesting.

Following the election of officers and transaction of other necessary business the gold medal of the Society will be awarded to Dr. Victor G. Heiser for his achievement in medical research. Don't miss it!







## The BEAVER — A TALISMAN

BY

OTTOMAR H. VAN NORDEN

WE can have no talisman more symbolic of the spirit of the settlement and growth of New Amsterdam than the likeness of that remarkable little animal, the Beaver.

The Dutch were courageous and venturesome, industrious and frugal and excellent hydraulic engineers. The Beaver had all of these characteristics. If it had not been for the wealth of Beaver pelts that poured into Old Amsterdam during those first years after Hudson discovered his river, there would probably have been no New Amsterdam.

In November, 1609, Hudson returned to Old Amsterdam from his famous voyage of discovery and told marvelous tales of the wealth of furs the Hudson River Indians possessed. At that time the Dutch merchants were sending a hundred ships every winter to Archangel for furs. Hudson's story had quick results and the year following a Dutch ship went to Manhattan and returned with a fortune in furs.

During 1611 several expeditions visited the Hudson River area, among them Adrien Block in his "Tiger" and Hendrick Christaensen in the "Fortune," and these two men established trading posts at Manhattan and Fort Orange. Within a year there were additional trading posts on the Connecticut and the Delaware. The trading was free, the pelts were abundant and easy to secure. The market demand was insatiable, and the profit large. The sturdy little Beaver was the keystone of a great pioneer trading enterprise.

The new country was ideal for Beaver. From the Connecticut to the Delaware their dams and ponds were everywhere. Before the coming of the white man they were not greatly molested. There were reasons for this. The pelt of the Beaver was not

"strong" as the hide of the deer and the moose, of which the Indians made excellent clothing and moccasins, nor as durable as the skin of the bear that made a good blanket. The Indians regarded the Beaver as a "People" and held the little animals in great veneration and did not kill them unless driven to do so by hunger.

And so when the Dutch pioneers arrived they loaded their ships with pelts and as many as they secured Europe always called for more.

When the first Dutch trading monopoly, the United New Netherlands Company, was chartered in 1615, with a monopoly of the fur trade in the New Netherlands, the whole area from the Connecticut to the Delaware was traveled by traders from Manhattan and Fort Orange and many other trading posts.

In 1618 the Dutch at Fort Orange made a treaty with the Iroquois Five Nations, and this treaty was faithfully kept by the Dutch and the English after them until the Revolutionary War. For more than 150 years the "chain" was unbroken. The Five Nations at that time were at war with the Adirondacks, the allies of the French. The Iroquois needed fire arms and the Dutch traded them for Beaver, so the whole territory as far west as Niagara and to the shores of Lake Ontario yielded its tribute of furs.

This treaty with the Iroquois, made three years before the formation of the Dutch West India Company, is one of the outstanding events in the history of the development of America. Had it not been made and the mighty military power of the Five Nations secured for the Dutch and later the English, in all probability New York would have been a French province and there might have been





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### A WORD ON DUES

This is not a sermon. As a matter of fact we are moved to mention the subject of dues, because Treasurer Arthur R. Wendell comes forward with the very pleasant news that payments actually are well ahead of the same period last year. It only goes to prove that thrifty Dutchmen know well the old adage about getting only what is paid for. The small increase of dues just effective has awakened a new appreciation of what the Holland Society is trying to do. Keep up the good work!

### MONMOUTH BRANCH

Annual Meeting of the Monmouth County Branch of the Society took place at the home of Judge Harry Truax in Elberon, N. J., on Monday evening, March 6th, 1939, and the following officers were elected for the year 1939-1940: President, John P. Luyster; Vice-President, Raymond L. Wyckoff; Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur B. Van Buskirk. The members celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the first production of the daguerreo-type with about 70 exhibits, and Mrs. Henry D. Brinley read a very interesting paper outlining some facts of the early methods of photography.

### SMOKER MARKS (Continued from page one)

Herbert T. Strong, a color expert, entertained by showing the vast possibilities of color in brightening the future. He demonstrated the effect of ultra-violet light in transmuting various kinds of common gray rock into all colors of the spectrum, and showed new types of lamps with which he said we would be lighting our homes in a few years.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees March 9, 1939:

Rev. Lockhart Amerman	New York City
Dr. George Henry Brasted	Utica, N. Y.
Hewlett Gail Davis	South Bend, Indiana
Benjamin Franklin W. Heyer	Tenafly, N. J.
E. Pierpont Hicks	New York City
George Dwight Schermerhorn	Reading, Mich.
Eugene van Houten	Hempstead, N. Y.
James Henry Van Ness	Concord, N. C.
Lemuel Washington Van Schaick	Scarsdale, N. Y.
William Henry Woglom, M.D.	Suffern, N. Y.
William Walton Woolsey	Stoddard, N. H.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

Alexander D. Banker	Schaghticoke, N. Y.
Walter A. Banta	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Warren A. Bradt	Albany, N. Y.
Lemuel Lozier	Hackensack, N. J.
Edgar Quackenbush	New York City
George Van W. Voorhees	Somerville, N. J.
Edmund C. Westervelt	Corpus Christi, Texas

### ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

By gift and exchange:

From The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: *Year Book 1938-1939, Vol. XIV.*

From The Long Island Historical Society: *Quarterly Vol. I, No. I, Jan. 1939.*

From The National Archives, Washington, D. C.: *Fourth Annual Report of the Archivist of the United States, 1937-38.*

From The New York Historical Society: *Annual Report and List of Members for the Year 1938.*

From The Staten Island Historical Society: *The Staten Island Historian, Vol. II, No. 1, Serial No. 5, January, 1939.*

From University of the State of New York: *Sir William Johnson Papers, Vol. VIII, and Souvenir of the Dedication of the New York State Education Building, Albany, Oct. 15, 16, 17, 1912.*

From Hon. George S. Van Schaick: *"The Ancestry of the Van Schaicks of Manhattan and Elsewhere," compiled by Dirk P. De Young, with additional notes by George S. Van Schaick.*

From The Wyckoff Association in America: *The Wyckoff Family Bulletin, Vol. II, No. 3, February, 1939.*

By Purchase:  
*The Demarest Family*, by Mary A. Demarest and William H. S. Demarest.

*Ellis' History of Monmouth County, N. J. Biographical and Genealogical History of City of Newark and Essex County, N. J., 2 Vols.*





## TRUSTEES MEETING

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extent of thirty per cent.

Mr. Meserole also said that offers of old Society Year Books to libraries throughout the country have now placed volumes in more than 100 libraries where their contents are available to researchers.

Francklyn Hogeboom said that the Burgher Guard was growing and flourishing, with 30 very active members at present and prospects of considerable activity of its own this year.

A resolution of great personal importance to all members was passed, which provides that the Society, at its expense, will publish in the *New York Herald Tribune* a death notice of any member of The Holland Society if word of his death reaches the office of the Secretary within one week. This, the Trustees felt, was a service or courtesy to which all members are entitled by right of membership.

## WORLD'S FAIR OPENS TODAY

IN ACCORDANCE with the historic traditions to which the Holland Society of New York is dedicated its name is linked with the New York World's Fair of 1939 as one of the patriotic organizations approving its aims and purposes. The official opening is scheduled for April 30 and July 6 has been designated as Holland Society Day.

President Meserole represents our Society on the committee of patriotic events.

Attention is called to a pictorial map showing the historical landmarks of Lower Manhattan which has been gotten out in the interest of the World's Fair. It may be obtained from Gardner Osborn, 120 Broadway, N.Y.C., for fifty cents and ten cents mailing charge.

## THE BEAVER - A TALISMAN

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no American nation today. In any event for one hundred and fifty years the Iroquois were an impassable barrier to French imperialism and New Amsterdam and New York grew to greatness behind that barrier.

And it was the pelt of the busy little beaver which brought about that alliance and held it true for many critical years.

The Dutch West India Company chartered to take over the trade already developed by the Dutch pioneers. Colonizing and agriculture was an after thought. By the time the "Company" had established its settlement on Manhattan the Beaver, in this part of the country had largely gone, sacrificed to the birth of a city.

It can be said with authority that New Amsterdam was a settled and prosperous trading center before the Colony of New Netherland was formed and the Dutch West India Company established. If there had been no Beaver there would have been no group of traders, and no Dutch trading posts, and probably no Dutch town later on Manhattan Island.

The Dutch recognized all this. The first Armorial insignia granted to the new province of New Netherland in 1624 was the effigy of the Beaver, and the formal seal of New Amsterdam, granted by

Gov. Stuyvesant in 1654 also had the Beaver for its crest.

The banners of the Burgher Guard, one blue and one orange, each bore a Beaver rampant. And we are told that Adrien Jansen van Ilpendam, when he started his "private" school in New Amsterdam in 1645, charged two Beaver skins a year for tuition.

Wampum was an accepted medium of exchange in the early times, but from the first to the last days of New Amsterdam, trading post and city, the pelt of the Beaver was "Beaver" and passed as money everywhere.

The Lion of the Netherlands, as it appeared on the seals and documents of the States General and of the West India Company, was a European symbol. The Beaver was used as the symbol only of New Amsterdam and of the New Country that was to become America.

The Holland Society might well adopt the Beaver as its "totem." It might well exalt this little animal that in industry, courage and intelligence was the prototype of the Dutch pioneers of New Amsterdam.

Why should not the effigy of the Beaver be carried in our Society possessions and stand, at the top of its staff, before the President when the Society is in session and the President in the chair?







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### HOLLAND SOCIETY DAY AT THE FAIR

HOLLAND SOCIETY DAY at the New York World's Fair 1939 will be observed on Thursday, July 6, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will avail themselves of this opportunity to visit the Exposition.

No special observance has been fixed to mark Holland Society Day, because of the uncertainty as to the number of members who will attend, but the Netherlands Pavilion extends a cordial invitation to all to register in the book especially set aside in the Pavilion for persons of Netherlands nativity and descent. The book will be found at the desk in the center of the main exhibition hall of the Pavilion at Continental Avenue and Presidential Row North.

While in and about the Netherlands Pavilion, it will be to the interest of members of the Society to inspect its contents rather carefully, as the exhibits show better than words can tell what the nation of our Dutch ancestors is doing in the way of Twentieth Century accomplishments. Of especial interest to everyone who has been in the Pavilion is the working model of the dike system, showing how the land, much of which is below sea level, has been reclaimed from the water, and what protective effect the dikes have.

Since only a small part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is in continental Europe, it is appropriate that an especially large section of the Pavilion should be devoted to the colonies, with special reference to the Netherlands Indies, often erroneously called the Dutch East Indies.

In the rear of the Pavilion, a large hall is devoted  
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### TRUSTEES DISCUSS YEAR BOOK CHANGES

AMONG A NUMBER of decisions that will change the old order, the Trustees at a meeting in New York on June 8 voted to overhaul the contents of the biennial Year Books and, if necessary, to adjust schedules and contents of other publications to conform. Most of the Year Books the Society has published in the past have contained historical and genealogical matter as well as vital statistics, and certain information that has been republished year after year with little change.

It was felt that much of this unchanging material could be published in another form whenever required, leaving the Year Book free to carry contents of vital interest and lasting value.

Although publication of a Year Book covering the past two years was scheduled for this Fall, and although there is money in the budget to publish such a Book, the Trustees felt that a Year Book with contents similar to the 1930-1937 book would be of little value. They therefore voted to postpone publication until 1940, letting next year's budget appropriations provide the means for a larger book.

Contents for the 1940 book will be discussed at a meeting of the Press and Publications Committee in September. Meanwhile, the office of the Secretary would be glad to receive suggestions from members about what they feel should be contained in future Year Books.

Another change voted by the Trustees was to have the Gold Medal of the Society presented at the Annual Banquet in November this year. It was also decided that a request to wear insignia of the  
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# WHO'S WHO IN THE BURGHER GUARD

THE BURGHER GUARD of The Holland Society of New York, under the able captaincy of Rufus Cole Van Aken, is rapidly becoming one of the most active of the component units of the Society, and it recently scored another hit with the issuance of a "Who's Who" of its membership.

Since there has been no previous publication of just this character about any portion of the Society's membership, it makes interesting reading, although it is in the usual sketchy, factual form of the customary "Who's Who in America," for it presents what might be regarded as a cross-section of the younger membership of the Society, with considerable light on what a Holland Society member does in his spare time.

There are thirty-two listings in the publication, and analysis of the sketches shows that the average age of those listed is thirty-five years, with the youngest twenty-one, and the oldest fifty-three. Nineteen of the subjects of the sketches are listed as married; fourteen unmarried. So much for the vital statistics.

But perhaps of most interest are the listings of "talents," sports and hobbies, which are set forth here so out of the order in the "Who's Who" that none can be identified without inspection of the pamphlet. Not duplicating ones for which several listings were given, they are as follows:

Talents—speaking, singing, 16 mm. motion picture, acting, trombonist (not solo), and dancing.

## BRANCH MEETINGS

The Long Island Branch of The Holland Society of New York held its annual dinner and meeting at the Crescent Athletic Club in Brooklyn on May 25, drawing a representation of thirty members from the four Long Island counties. The session was the usual success, demonstrating conclusively that the old Dutch spirit of conviviality and friendship remains on the island, despite the incursions of modern ways.

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails, which, with the splendid dinner which followed, were the result of arrangements by the Branch's High Steward, Mervin S. Van Brunt.

Presiding was President David W. Ketcham, who during the course of the dinner called upon the vice-president of each county for brief remarks, and then upon various other members of the branch for their comments upon the general situation. The remarks and comments were well received. As a climax to the speaking, President Arthur R. Wendell of the parent society was called upon,

Sports—canoe racing, bowling, golf, tennis, boxing, squash, horseback riding, baseball, wrestling, swimming, raising dogs, fishing, walking, skiing, angling, running, ice hockey, diving, basketball, badminton, ping pong, and boating.

Hobbies—collecting Christmas seals and tea tags, short-wave radio, gardening, springer spaniel dogs, bridge, poker, music, reading biography, bird study, sports, color photography, miniature railroading, teaching swimming, photography, Boy Scout work, architecture, literature, 18th Century music, boating, book collecting, shooting, collecting of bears, and reading.

The members of the Burgher Guard, as listed in alphabetical order, are: Cornelius Ackerson, Hugh Guille Bergen, James Henry Blauvelt, John Henry Brinckerhoff, Charles Dingman Brodhead, John LeFoy Brower IV, Joseph Ely Conover, Bruce Saxton Cornell, Harrison Deyo, Philip Rogers Deyo, James Garret Garretson IV, Remsen Johnson Jr., Frederick Pomeroy Palen, C. Newton Schenck, Jr., Cornelius Ditmars Schenck, J. Cornell Schenck, Teunis Schenck, Richard Carteret Sutton, Rufus Cole Van Aken, Peter Van Brunt, Edward Morris Van Buren, Jr., Arthur Brown Van Buskirk, Dr. Frank Barnes Vanderbeek, Thomas Morris Van der Veer, Dr. Paul Beery Van Dyke, Eugene van Houten, Hoghland Van Norden, John Wyckoff Van Siclen, William Howard Vermilye, Harold V. B. Voorhis, George Blunt Wendell, Jr., Stryker Williamson.

and he gave a vivid outline of plans and aspirations of The Holland Society, which drew hearty applause and enthusiastic commendation of the audience.

At the election of officers which took place during the evening, the following were chosen: Schuyler J. Bergen, president; William Remsen Lott, re-elected treasurer, a post which he has filled for several years; and A. Lloyd Lott, re-elected secretary.

The annual dinner of the Capitol District Branch was held in Albany, N. Y., on Friday, June 2, with about twenty members present. Dr. Edgar A. Vander Veer reported that "more enthusiasm was expressed than I have seen in some time."

The office of The Holland Society at 90 West Street, New York City, will be closed during the month of August, in pursuance of the customary month's summer holiday observed by the officers and staff. The office also will be closed on Saturdays during July, but will be open during the usual office hours on other weekdays. Rearrangement of the office space is now under way so that by autumn more room will be available in the present quarters.

## AN APPEAL

Up to the time of going to press, the above notices were the only ones received, and DE HALVE MAEN makes this urgent appeal that branches throughout the country send in accounts of their meetings so that other members may know of the activities of The Holland Society outside of the meetings of the parent organization.





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THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

By gift and exchange:

From Hiram B. Demarest Blauvelt: *The Demarest Family*, by Mary A. Demarest and William H. S. Demarest.

From Knapp Family Association of America: *Knapp Family Bulletin*, Vol. III, No. 1, April, 1939.

From J. Wilson Poucher, M.D. and William A. Dutcher: *Eighteenth Century Records of Dutchess County, New York*, collected by William Willis Reese and edited by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds, being Vol. VI, Collections of the Dutchess County Historical Society.

From American Historical Association: *Vol. I, Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1937*.

From Arthur D. Benson: *Framed photograph of Mr. Arthur D. Benson, representing Judge Egbert Benson (1746-1833) at the re-enactment of the Inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States at the New York World's Fair, 1939, Sunday, April 30, 1939*.

From Library of Brown University: *Report of the Librarian of Brown University, 1937-38*.

From Collegiate Reformed Church: *Year Book 1939, Vol. XI, No. 5*.

From Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York: *The Bill of Rights as embodied in the Constitution of the United States*.

From C. V. Compton: *Comptonology, Vol. I, No. 2, April, 1939*.

From Detroit Public Library: *Burton Historical Collection Leaflet, May, 1939*.

From The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine, Vol. II, No. 8, May, 1939*.

From The Long Island Historical Society: *Quarterly, Vol. I, No. 2, 1939, and General Washington's Spies on Long Island and in New York*, by Morton Pennypacker.

## NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees June 8, 1939:

John Livingston Conover, Jr.	Hillside, N. J.
Richard Herbert De Witt	New Rochelle, N. Y.
Caldwell Blakeman Esselstyn, M.D.	Riverdale, N. Y.
Henry Schenck	Winter Park, Florida
William C. Ten Eyck	Washington, D. C.
John Van Brunt	Flushing, N. Y.
Martin Van Buren Van De Mark	Concordia, Kansas
Earl Edward Van Derwerker, M.D.	Bronxville, N. Y.
Sherwood Vermilye	Tenafly, N. J.
William Wallace Wemple, Jr.	Schenectady, N. Y.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

Henry M. T. Beekman	North Branch, N. J.
De Witt Clinton Romaine, M.D.	New York City
Willard Bull Van Inwegen	Larchmont, N. Y.
William Sloan Van Syckel	Trenton, N. J.
Harry Stephen Vorhis	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Raymond Ladd Wyckoff	Keyport, N. J.

From The Netherland Benevolent Society: *31st Annual Report, 1938*.

From Northwest Territory Celebration Commission: *The Ordinance of 1787 and Old Northwest Territory and Final Report of the Commission*.

From The Historical Society of Pennsylvania: *Magazine of History and Biography, 1939*.

From Sons of the Revolution in the State of California: *Bulletin, 1939*.

From The State Historical Society of Iowa: *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics, 1939*.

From The Staten Island Historical Society: *Staten Island Historian, 1939*.

From the Union Club: *Year Book for 1939*.

From University of the State of New York: *Orderly Books of the Fourth and Second New York Regiments, 1778-1783*.

From Miss Alma Rogers Van Hoesenberg: *The Earliest Cuylers in Holland and America and Some of their Descendants*, by Maud Churchill Nicoll (1912). *The Beginnings of New York—Old Kingston, the First State Capitol*, by Mary Isabella Forsyth (1909), and *Springs and Wells of Manhattan and the Bronx, at the end of the 19th Century*, by the late James Reuel Smith, (1938), printed for the New York Historical Society.

From The Wyckoff Association in America: *Report of the Third Annual Meeting, March 4, 1939*.

By purchase:

*The Journal of the Reverend Silas Constant, with Records and Notes by Emily Warren Roebling (1903)*.





## HOLLAND SOCIETY DAY *(Continued from page one)*

to this section, an outstanding feature of the exhibit being a magnificent diorama of Indies landscape, in which the effect changes from day to night, and tiny trains can be seen going over a high trestle across a gorge. At various times during the day, a Javanese stringed orchestra plays the native music—rather weird to Western ears—and in corridors along the sides of the hall native artisans are busy making the beautiful leather and other articles for which the islands are famous.

Outside of the Pavilion, to the rear, is a typical Dutch garden, set around a reflecting pool, with a fountain playing at one end, and behind it a small set of melodious chimes from the Netherlands. These are played at various times during the day, as is the charming carillon in the main tower of the Pavilion, which it will be well worth one's while to stay to hear. The schedules can be ascertained from Pavilion attendants.

In the Hall of Nations, just to the south of the

main Pavilion, is another small section devoted to the Netherlands, where various trinkets, souvenirs and articles of Netherlands manufacture can be obtained.

Unfortunately there is no restaurant connected with the Netherlands Pavilion, but very good outdoor ones are adjacent to it, in the Pavilions of Switzerland and Poland, while Denmark also has an attractive indoor one in its section of the Hall of Nations. There are several other foreign ones also in the general vicinity. The only Dutch-style food obtainable on the grounds is at Heineken's-on-the-Zuider Zee, in the north end of the Amusement Area, where several Dutch dishes are sold, including the "*Hutspot*" with which the Society is familiar.

And one word more to members who do attend on that, or any other day—do not miss the fountain display in the Lagoon of Nations at 9:30 o'clock at night. The Fair is beautiful by day, and as well at night, but no visit can reach the proper climax without staying for this display. It is but a two-minute walk from the Netherlands Pavilion.

See you on Holland Society Day at the Fair!

## TRUSTEES MEETING

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Society be included in notices of meetings. Further, it was decided that whenever possible, at the discretion of the Committee on Meetings, the Society pay all gratuities to waiters, and that members be plainly notified of this fact in order to avert misunderstandings and embarrassment.

An informal meeting similar to last January's extremely successful gathering at the Hotel Pennsylvania will be held, it was announced, and the Trustees set the date for February 5, 1940. As before, it will be free to members. Instead of having the collation follow the business meeting at the Annual Meeting of April 8, 1940, the dinner will precede the meeting.

A recommendation of the Joint Meeting of Trustees and Vice-Presidents, asking for a reduction in dues for younger members, provoked much discussion but was not ratified by the Trustees.

A gratifying number of applicants for membership was presented by the Committee on Genealogy, and the work of the Membership Committee, now headed by former President Walter M. Meserole, was commended.

After the meeting the Trustees were the guests of President Arthur R. Wendell at dinner.

## JOINT MEETING TALKS HISTORY

At the annual joint meeting of the trustees and vice-presidents of The Holland Society, held on May 10 at the Metropolitan Club, New York City, a Committee on Historical Sites was chosen to select certain specific points of historical significance for suitable marking, in collaboration with other interested societies. The point was raised by Colonel Leigh K. Lydecker, and after a considerable discussion of the merits of the idea, the following committee was appointed by President Arthur R. Wendell to aid in furtherance of the plan:

Colonel Lydecker, F. H. Vedder, Francklyn Hogeboom, William T. Van Alstyne, and William Van Wyck.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The annual business meeting of The Holland Society and presentation of the Society's Gold Medal took place at the Hotel Astor on April 6. Arthur R. Wendell was elected to succeed Walter M. Meserole as President of the Society, Mr. Meserole becoming a Trustee. Ottomar H. Van Norden was elected treasurer to succeed Mr. Wendell, and Wheeler N. Voorhees was re-elected Secretary. Dr. Victor G. Heiser, the recipient of the Gold Medal for his achievements in medical research, which have been set forth in book form in "*An American Doctor's Odyssey*," gave a most interesting talk on some of his experiences, and delivered a few words of sage medical advice.







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### THERE'LL BE A HOT TIME AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET

STURDY FARE has been provided for the Annual Banquet on Thursday, November 16. To those who attend it will probably give the greatest value of any banquet since the Fiftieth Anniversary in 1935.

As a change from routine, the Gold Medal will be awarded at this time to Wendell Lewis Willkie, president of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation. Mr. Willkie will speak on the subject for which he receives the medal — the right to individual enterprise.

The beaver, foundation of trade in early New Netherland, will be accepted as an official "totem" of the Society in a colorful ceremony. The usual toasts will be drunk to the President of the United States and the Queen of the Netherlands. The Burgher Guard will take a prominent part in affairs. The great kettle of *hutspot* will be paraded in by costumed bearers and ladled out with considerable formality.

The Banquet Committee this year will offer a substantial souvenir. Good things to eat and drink — and plenty of them — have been arranged for. Music and tasteful decorations will make the party one to be remembered.

Remember that names to be placed on the seating list must be sent in soon. The Banquet Committee is anxious that family societies and groups of congenial members reserve tables, and these, too, must be spoken for early. The earliest applicants, group or individual, get the choicest seats.

The committee has been working on the plans for this banquet since Spring, and there will be no lack of fun-fare.

### OPEN HOUSE

WITH THE REOPENING of the Office and Library of the Society at 90 West Street, New York City, this Fall, members have at last a headquarters of which they can be proud. Not long ago about one-third of the office was a storeroom. By placing old Year Books in many libraries throughout the country which did not have them before, and in the hands of the newer members, the storeroom has been made to occupy only one-half its former space.

Bookshelves are now readily accessible without overturning chairs, and there is an abundance of room for research workers. A rearrangement of furniture provides more room for the Secretary and his assistant, and extra desk room for other officers or committee chairmen. The whole place was redecorated.

Part of the new space has been given over to a committee room with a display case for the Society's colors and a cabinet in which mementoes of the Society's fifty-four years are displayed.

This, members, is your headquarters — to be visited as frequently as you like if you live in or near New York or travel there, or to be called upon for help in genealogical or Society matters, no matter where you live. If you've never come to your Society headquarters before, now's the time to learn the way.

### TRUSTEES' MEETING

HOLLAND SOCIETY Trustees met October 13 in the newly remodeled and redecorated offices at 90 West Street to lay plans for the coming year.

Rufus Cole Van Aken of Nassau County was  
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## GETTING FUN OUT OF IT

By the Editor

THIS ARTICLE is likely to be somewhat personal. Also, it will probably be continued. Don't say I didn't warn you.

Since taking over the editorship of this publication some seven years ago (the only magazine in the country printed on orange paper, if that means anything) I have become convinced that half the people interested in their ancestors don't know why the other half are interested in theirs.

Instead of being interested simply in *who* their ancestors were, which is the way it looks to people on the outside, it turns out that a great many Holland Society members, and others who would like to be members, get fun out of a number of things connected not only with *who* their ancestors were, but what they *did*.

Some of them have come with questions about old roads, and we have spread a dozen maps on the floor and looked for them. Others raise questions about Colonial tools and forgings, impelling a person to dig into the forgotten corners of old out-buildings and emerge with an adze, a bog-cutter, or a hand-forged latch. Others inquire about old Dutch houses, and off we go across the country looking for tell-tale sweeping gables and stonework held together with mud and straw from the fields.

One man wanted to know whether some old machinery he found in the woods was used for working an early mine. People write and ask the  
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## BURGER GUARD ACTIVE

AT A MEETING of the Burgher Guard held October 16, a new set of officers was elected, with Rufus Cole Van Aken, however, still continuing in the role of Captain of the Guard. First to fourth lieutenants are, respectively, John Wyckoff Van Sicken, Cornelius Ackerson, Thomas Morris Van der Veer, and Edward Morris Van Buren. Eugene van Houten is Quartermaster-Sergeant. All these men have been exceedingly attentive to their duties, and the regulations of the guard provide that their positions are progressive, each one moving to the next highest position every year, with an elective contest for the post of Quartermaster-Sergeant.

A committee to draw up an explicit set of by-laws for the Guard was appointed from among the fifteen who attended the meeting.

The Guard kept busy during the mid-Summer

and early Fall. On July 27 the members assembled at a shore dinner on Sheepshead Bay. On September 15 a number of Guardsmen attended the Union County Branch's Fall Frolic near Cranford, New Jersey.

Guardsmen presented the flags of the Society and their own flag at the ceremonies commemorating Constitution Day at the Sub-Treasury on Wall Street, September 16, and also presented the colors at the New York World's Fair the following day in several ceremonies that also commemorated Constitution Day.

The Guard will take part in the annual parade of the Massing of the Colors on Fifth Avenue, Sunday, November 5, and the service in St. Thomas' Church immediately afterward. A Guardsman will accompany President Wendell with the Society Flag at the Joint Thanksgiving Service in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Sunday, November 26.

Captain Rufus Cole Van Aken emphasizes that the Guard is not a "closed corporation," and recruits are, in fact, highly prized. "A letter or phone call" he says, "to me at 165 Broadway — Cortlandt 7-5426 — indicating a disposition to enlist, will constitute most of the ordeal of becoming one of the stalwarts. Our motto: 'Reliability and service, but good fun withal.'"

## UNION HOLDS OUTING

THE UNION COUNTY BRANCH began Fall activities early by sponsoring a picnic on the afternoon of September 15, in Echo Lake Park, Westfield. It was attended by the officers of the Society, a goodly number of the Burgher Guard, and members from surrounding counties to a total of nearly sixty.

Through the splendid coöperation of the Park Commission, of which our own President Arthur R. Wendell is vice-president and one of the original members, a program of events was enjoyed. A game of soft ball, in which former President Henry E. Ackerson was a ringleader, drew the most supporters, with President Wendell leading the cheering section. Quoits and other amusements kept the members busy until the approach of dusk was a signal for starting on a bounteous supper set on great tables in one of the park's picnic groves.

Branch President Harold O. Voorhis, Vice-President Walter H. Van Hoesen, and Edward M. Van Buren, Jr., were the committee on arrangements.







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### GETTING FUN OUT OF IT

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meanings of certain old Dutch phrases, handed down from generation to generation. They query about land titles and the meaning of names of villages or communities that might have had an origin in Dutch or Indian times. They want to know whether some of the old folklore legends have any basis in fact, and how their ancestors worked, ate, cooked, and traveled.

Most of the questions can be answered by those who have made studies of them — and had fun doing it. A chance interest in some antique handed down from some ancestor — a grandfather's clock, let us say — leads a man to looking up something about who made it; this leads to his investigating how it was made, and who owned it, and how that person happened to get it. First thing you know the man whose curiosity was aroused has become an expert on Colonial clocks. And another learns about ancient firearms. Still another has a fund of information about New Netherland's maritime history. Another is an authority on the political and civil history of his county or neighborhood.

Because I believe that many members of The Holland Society would be interested in these side trips into the "hobby" field of Dutch and Colonial history, this publication expects to give a few hints about how to find a "springboard" to catapult them — painlessly — into a few. Some of you who are in and getting fun out of it will be asked how you started, and it is hoped others will volunteer some of their experiences in historical by-paths. Many became members of The Holland Society because of the interests; others found the interests afterward. We hope to guide more men into the fun.

### ON OUR BOOK SHELF



THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:

*By gift and exchange:*

From American Historical Association:

*Annual Report 1935, Vol. II, Writings on American History, 1935.*

From Holland House Corporation of the Netherlands: *Netherlands-American Digest*, Vol. 2, Number 7, September 1939.

From Richard Schermerhorn, Jr.: *Historical Discourse Delivered at the Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the First Dutch Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J., October 1, 1867, by Richard H. Steele, D.D., Pastor.*

From Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York: *Reports and Proceedings*, July 1, 1938 to June 30, 1939.

From University of the State of New York: *The Papers of Sir William Johnson*, Vol. IX, prepared for publication by Almon W. Lauber, Ph.D. of The Division of Archives and History.

Publications also received from: Genealogical Society of New Jersey, Kentucky State Historical Society, Michigan Historical Commission, Minnesota Historical Society, Maatschappij tot nut van 't Algemeen, Algemeen Nederlandsch Verbond, New Jersey Historical Society, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, The New York Historical Society, and New York State Historical Association.

### NEW MEMBERS AND NECROLOGY

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees October 13, 1939:

Abram Vedder Brower  
William Hardenbergh Elting  
Eugene Hotaling  
John Avon Nevius  
Joseph Wendell Putman  
J. B. B. Stryker  
Howard L. Stillwell  
John Van Brunt, Jr.  
Warren Rollin Voorhis

Utica, N. Y.  
Malverne, N. Y.  
Forest Hills, N. Y.  
Washington, D. C.  
Schenectady, N. Y.  
Doylestown, Pa.  
Montclair, N. J.  
Flushing, N. Y.  
Plainfield N. J.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

John Bergen  
Edward H. Van Siclen  
George B. Wendell  
James Wyckoff

Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Little Silver, N. J.  
East Milton, Mass.  
Perry, N. Y.

THE VOLUME, half as large as a dictionary, popularly known as "The Holland Society's Second Book of Dutch Houses," is still available from the Secretary of the Society at no advance in price. The first book, a smaller edition, brought premium prices soon after publication. This one, a monumental history of the enterprise of Colonial Dutch families, costs \$18 — is worth it.





# SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

## TRUSTEES' MEETING

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elected a Trustee of the Society to fill the unexpired term of James H. Pinckney, who resigned. Mr. Van Aken, one of the younger members of the Society, has been exceptionally active for the past few years, particularly as Captain of the Burgher Guard.

The Committee on Meetings, through Chairman Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., recommended to the Trustees the name of Wendell Lewis Willkie, president of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, as a candidate for Medalist, and the recommendation was ratified. The Gold Medal of the Society will therefore be presented to Mr. Willkie at the Annual Banquet this Fall — instead of at the Annual Meeting in the Spring, as usual — with a citation of Mr. Willkie's eminence in defending the right to individual enterprise. Mr. Willkie's address is expected to be in keeping with the subject for which the medal is awarded, said Judge Ackerson.

Judge Jackson also announced that plans were being made for a "jamboree" similar to the one held last January, with February 5, 1940, as the tentative date. This is one of the informal meetings of the year and is free to members.

Trustee Ottomar H. Van Norden displayed before the Trustees for the first time the new "totem" of the Society — a stuffed beaver from Bear Mountain Park, mounted by Dr. James L. Clark of the American Museum of Natural History in the same position as the famous beaver of New Netherland, which has been revived on the flag of the Burgher Guard. The beaver, as Mr. Van Norden has pointed out on several occasions, meant much to the prosperity of New Netherland and the trading post at Nieuw Amsterdam. The "totem" will be solemnly and ceremoniously invested with his new authority as a mascot, omen of good fortune, and symbol of authority at the Annual Banquet this November.

The Trustees adopted a plan for unifying the publications of the Society as advanced by Wilfred B. Talman, Chairman of the Press and Publications Committee. Under this plan, some portions of the Year Book which have been reprinted year after year will be issued less frequently as pamphlets; all publications, including *De Halve Maen*, will be of uniform size, and inexpensive binders will be available for those not rigidly bound. Also a well-bound volume taking the place of the Year Book will be

issued in the Fall of 1940, containing all or a part of the records of the New Jersey Dutch Reformed Church of Freehold-Middletown, in addition to certain essential records of the Society's progress since 1937.

After a tribute by Trustee Walter M. Meserole and others to the memory of the late George B. Wendell, who was Vice-President for New England and a brother of President Arthur R. Wendell, the Trustees adjourned for a "Dutch treat" dinner.

## 50 FOR DUTCHESS

THE FIRST half-century of its existence was celebrated October 3 by the Dutchess County Branch at its annual dinner in the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie. The Dutchess County Branch was the first offspring of the parent Society, and Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, only surviving member of those who attended the original dinner of March 12, 1890, was honored particularly on the dinner's fiftieth anniversary.

Franklyn J. Poucher, Dr. Poucher's son, was elected President of the Dutchess County Branch to succeed William A. Dutcher, who served three years in that office. Dr. John H. Dingman was re-elected Secretary.

Repaying courtesies extended by the Ulster County Branch several months before, the Dutchess members were hosts to a delegation from Ulster.

Dr. Poucher spoke briefly, and other addresses were made by Society President Arthur R. Wendell, Society Secretary Wheeler N. Voorhees, Treasurer Ottomar H. Van Norden, and Trustees Frederick I. Bergen, and Reynier J. Wortendyke, Mayor Spratt of Poughkeepsie, Dr. Alexander G. Cummins and Peter H. Troy.

## ULSTER DINES

THE ULSTER COUNTY Branch dinner, held at the Hotel Stuyvesant in Kingston June 24, attracted about 100 members and guests, who were welcomed by Kingston's mayor, Conrad J. Heiselman, and heard the chief address of the evening given by Joe R. Hanley, Senate majority leader.

William E. Bruyn, President of the Branch, was toastmaster, and welcomed particularly delegations from the Dutchess County Branch and from Sullivan County. Greetings were extended to Dr. J. Wilson Poucher and Frederick I. Bergen, Trustees; Van Hornbeck of Sullivan County, and William A. Dutcher, President of the Dutchess County Branch.

Addresses were made by President Arthur R. Wendell, Treasurer Ottomar H. Van Norden, Trustee Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., Rufus Cole Van Aken, Captain of the Burgher Guard and a native-born Ulster County boy; G. D. B. Hasbrouck and Philip Elting.







## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

JANUARY 25, 1940

### TOP-NOTCH BANQUET

NO BETTER example of stolid Dutch conservatism, highlighted by a touch of the dramatic and seasoned with a dash of spirited levity, can be found anywhere throughout the land than at the annual banquets of The Holland Society of New York. These banquets symbolize at their outset the spirit of individualism rankling beneath a stiffly laundered shirt, and when they end the spirit of individualism has conquered, the stiff shirt has ceased to be the uniform of the conventional male trying to enjoy himself, and everybody goes home having had a good time.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Banquet at the Hotel Plaza in New York November 16 was no exception. Every time you looked up from your celery and olives, your *hutspot*, or your Gouda cheese, something was happening. First it was the officers and others escorting the guests of honor to the dais. Then it was the Burgher Guard parading the colors to the platform. A lull took place as Domine Ernest R. Palen gave the invocation, and then in marched spot-lighted Harold V. B. Voorhis and Philip Deyo dressed

### TIN ROOF FROLIC

WHEN you attend a Holland Society Frolic you leave dinner coats at home, start the evening in high spirits and finish in still finer fettle.

The data in brief: Monday, February 5. Place: Hotel Pennsylvania, New York. Time: 6 p. m. to begin, but uproarious later. The dinner: bounteous, at 6:45. The check: tin roof; that is, "on the house" to members, \$2.50 for guests (they lower the Society's overhead). The entertainment: a secret, but it's *entertainment*.

authentically as Lenni Lenape Indians and bearing the new totem of the Society — a sturdy beaver *couchant* — to be received by Dutch-garbed Ottomar H. Van Norden and accepted by President Arthur R. Wendell.

There were toasts to "our country and its President," and "to the Netherlands and her gracious Queen," the latter responded to by Dr. Alexander Loudon, Minister from the Netherlands. Dutch-trousered

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## MEMORIAL TO GEO. B. WENDELL

*At the meeting of the Trustees of The Holland Society held December 14, a tribute to the late George B. Wendell was submitted by the Committee on Memorials and adopted by the Trustees. The following paragraphs are an excerpt from the memorial:*

GEORGE BLUNT WENDELL, a member of The Holland Society since 1924 and for ten years Vice-President of the Society for New England, died at his home in East Milton, Massachusetts, on July 1, 1939, at the age of sixty-five.

In addition to his membership in The Holland Society, Mr. Wendell was an active member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, organized 1638; a member of the Boston City Club, of the Massachusetts Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, the Massachusetts Society of the General Society of Colonial Wars, the Massachusetts Society, Sons of the American Revolution, The St. Nicholas Society of New York, and the Colonial Order of the Acorn, New York.

He is survived by two sons, George B. Wendell, Jr., of New York, and Edward E. Wendell, of Quincy, Massachusetts, both members of The Holland Society; by a sister, Miss Kate T. Wendell of Milton, and a brother, Arthur R. Wendell, President of The Holland Society.

Interest in the history of the Dutch in America and the traditions of our Dutch forbears seems to have been an outstanding trait of character in the Wendell family. The name of Wendell has meant much to the history of The Holland Society, for the contribution of those who bear that name has been constructive, devoted, and outstanding.

George Blunt Wendell spent more than a decade and a half in filial

devotion to the ideals and achievements of his progenitors and the work of this Society in enhancing interest in Dutch history. It is the devotion and loyalty of men like him that have made this Society what it is.

So it is with profound sorrow that this appreciation of the distinguished service of George Blunt Wendell is recorded in the minutes of this Society and a copy sent to his surviving family in order to express not only deep regret and sympathy but the grief of us all over the loss of so esteemed an associate.

## TRUSTEES' MEETING

AT A TRUSTEES' MEETING in the Harvard Club, New York, December 14, the date for the Annual Meeting was announced for Monday, April 8, this year, instead of April 6 as usual. It was deemed that the Saturday night date would be inconvenient for many members.

Edward E. Wendell of Quincy, Massachusetts, was appointed Vice-President for New England to fill the unexpired term of his father, the late George B. Wendell, and John de C. Van Etten was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee caused by the resignation of James H. Pinckney as a Trustee. A nominating committee was appointed to present a slate for the consideration of the Society at the Annual Meeting. It consists of Frederick I. Bergen, chairman; Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., Wilfred B. Talman, Richard Schermerhorn, Jr., and Eugene W. Denton.

George W. Van Schaick read a paper memorializing the services of the late George B. Wendell, and a resolution was adopted congratulating Hiram B. Demarest Blauvelt, Vice-President for Bergen County, New Jersey, for saving from destruction his ancestral Demarest homestead, oldest Dutch house in the state.





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## HAIL AND FAREWELL

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Vanderpoel Adriance, Jr.	East Orange, N. J.
George W. Carpenter	New York City
Clarence H. Denton	Queens Village, N. Y.
Percy Raymond Haulenbeek	New York City
Bernardus Suydam	Manhasset, N. Y.
Eugene M. Van Loan, Jr.	New York City
Sherman P. Voorhees	New York City

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

Aaron J. Bradi	Scotia, N. Y.
Clare E. Burtis	Flushing, N. Y.
Henry G. Dusenbury	Essex Fells, N. Y.
William K. Vanderpoel	South Orange, N. Y.
H. Russell Voorhees	Plainfield, N. Y.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF

THE LIBRARY has made the following acquisitions recently:  
By gift and exchange:

From C. V. Compton: *Comptology*, Vol. 1, No. 4, October, 1939.



From The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine*, Vol. III, Nos. 1 and 2, 1939.

From The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany: *Year Book 1939-1940*.

From William Daniel Ligon, Jr.: *Proceedings* (in two sections) *The Ligon Family and Kinsmen Association*, Volume II, September, 1939.

From New Hampshire Historical Society: *Letters and Papers of Major-General John Sullivan, Continental Army*, Edited by Otis G. Hammond,

From J. Wilson Poucher, M.D.: *Reminiscences, Personal and Professional, 1859-1939*, by J. Wilson Poucher, M.D.

From Staten Island Historical Society: *The Staten Island Historian*, Vol. II, No. 4, Serial No. 8.

From Wheeler N. Voorhees: *Historical Handbook of the Van Voorhees Family in The Netherlands and America*, (1935).

From Amos Earle Voorhies: *The John C. Voorhees Branch of the Van Voorhees Family in America*, (1939).

From The Wyckoff Association of America: *The Wyckoff Family Bulletin*, Vol. III, No. 2, October, 1939.  
By purchase:

Craig's *Salem County, N. J. Genealogical data*, Vol. II.

Crayon's *Rockaway Records of Morris County, N. J. Families*, (1902).

Partridge's *The Roosevelt Family in America*, (1936).

## GUARDS HAVE FLAG

THE BURGHIER GUARD is sporting a new beaver flag, a personal contribution to the Guard from the Society's Trustees. This is the second of the Guard's own flags, and now, these two flags — an orange beaver on a blue background and a blue beaver on an orange background — reproduce exactly the colors of the ancient Burghier Guard of Nieuw Amsterdam.





## BANQUET (from Page 1)

funkeysparaded in the hutspot, their passage blessed and cleared by the mace of Rufus C. Van Aken, Captain of the Burgher Guard.

You were well into the spirit of the occasion by the time the Dutch cheese reached your plate with slightly less ceremony, and got an unusual treat when, for the first time at an annual banquet, the Gold Medal of the Society was presented — this time to Wendell L. Willkie, president of The Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, for eminence in defending the right to individual enterprise. Judge Henry E. Ackerson introduced him, President Wendell presented the medal, and Mr. Willkie made an excellent address on the topic for which he received it.

Mr. W. G. Wendell of Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, spoke briefly and lightly on the subject of abolishing after-dinner speakers, and you got the idea, as you went home, that unless you were a regular *habitué* of these banquets, you ought to come oftener.

## BEQUEST ANNOUNCED

THE OFFICERS of the Society are pleased to announce that they have been notified of a bequest of \$2,000 left to The Holland Society of New York by Member H. Rusesll Voorhees of Plainfield, New Jersey, who died in November. When received, the sum will be placed in the Endowment Fund, only the income from which is used for current expenses. Such bequests are needed and welcomed resources, aiding the spread of the Society's activities.

## MEMBERS HONORED

SEVERAL Society members have advanced in public life recently, following the Dutch tradition of taking prominent part in local and national affairs. They are:

Jacob Gould Schurman, Jr., who moved upward from the post of Chief City Magistrate of New York City to Judge of the Court of General Sessions,

Trustee Mills Ten Eyck, who was elected Mayor of Schenectady, New York, and

W. V. B. Van Dyck, Vice-President of the Society for Schenectady County, who received from the Brazilian government the decoration of the Order of the Southern Cross "for distinct service in the promotion of international good will between Brazil and the United States." Mr. Van Dyck is the fifth American to receive this highest award given by Brazil to civilians.

## PUBLICATIONS IN NEW SIZE

THIS is the first issue of DE HALVE MAEN in a new size — the same page-size as the Year Book. Other Holland Society publications will also be published in this size hereafter.

Plans were made to provide a special binder to accommodate DE HALVE MAEN and these other publications, but the disadvantages of mailing and otherwise handling orders for such binders appeared to outweigh the convenience to those members who preserve their copies.

DE HALVE MAEN and the other publications (except the Year Book, which of course is always bound in boards) will, however, have the margins punched for "standard" three-ring binders. Especially recommended are the "report covers" of touch cardboard available in nearly every stationery store. Although these are designed to bind typewriter-size sheets, careful trimming to 7¼ by 11 inches will enable other publications of the Holland Society to be placed in fairly presentable fashion on your book shelves along with your Year Books.







## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

APRIL 1, 1940

### ANNUAL MEETING

CLOSE UPON the heels of the mid-winter Frolic comes the Annual Meeting of The Holland Society, and though somewhat more somber in tone than the Frolic, this forthcoming gathering bids fair to be every bit as popular, with changes from usual custom which will add to its convenience especially for those members who must remain in the city to attend.

The meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, at the Hotel Astor, New York, and the festivities will begin with assembly and an informal reception at 6 p.m. The Trustees and members of the Burgher Guard will act in their customary role of a reception committee.

Instead of following the usual custom of having a collation after the business of the evening, the Annual Meeting this year will set a precedent by having the collation, in the form of a full-course dinner, served prior to the business meeting. After the latter will come the entertainment, which, it is announced, will *not* be in the form of speeches. Everything will be strictly informal.

### THE FROLIC . . . AH!

IF YOU were not among the 235 members of The Holland Society or guests who attended the Society's mid-winter Frolic at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, on February 5, you really missed *something*. Members who were there will not have to be reminded when next year's Frolic comes around; those of you who were not, just watch for the date and follow the crowd.

Especially uproarious did the Frolic become when for the concluding feature William R. Williston appeared as if by magic, and proceeded to entertain the assem-

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### PLEASE

ATTENTION of members of The Holland Society and other visitors to the Society's headquarters at 90 West Street is called to the fact that the closing time of the Office and Library is 5 p.m., and it will be helpful to the conduct of the Society's activities if this hour is observed as strictly as possible.





## GETTING FUN OUT OF IT—II By the Editor

A RECENT BOOK implies that people don't know how to read any more; that they have lost the art of absorbing "the color of words, the odor of phrases, the weight of sentences," and those between-the-lines meanings the writer left unmentioned.

Perhaps so, but persons who have an ancestral interest in historical narratives will find them easy reading. They will find between the lines things the writer never even thought of, for they will be able to say, "My great-great-grandfather was there; this is almost as if it happened to *me*."

If you shy violently at the words "historical research," you will find this the most absorbing and painless reading of all. No sooner do you launch into an historical novel—or even a book of fact interestingly written—than the question will begin to creep into the back of your mind: "I wonder if old Absalom Osterdam was there?"

And if you are a fellow with any mental git-up-and-git, first thing you know you will be digging through grandsire Absalom's life history to see if he *was* there—and you will be getting fun out of it. Once you find out, the book will have all the breathless fascination of a forbidden diary.

Such a book is Carl Carmer's *The Hudson*—a volume with as much of the fervor and flavor of these Dutch regions as has been written in many a year. It tells the story of the people who have lived in the Hudson valley, within sight of Hudson water. To The Holland Society member whose ancestors came to this enchanted land and multiplied here, it will be a mirror of a past he can almost fancy remembering—an intimate link with *his own* people who trod these hills, sailed

these waters, fought in the wars that took place here, or sallied forth in search of foreign trade.

The author treats not of the past alone. He shows how it lives in the hallowed present. Most remarkable is that in three years of tramping the Hudson's banks gathering his material he avoided the pitfalls that lie always in wait for the careless historian. Local tradition lovers can swear that here is fact unadorned and, in spite of that, as unfettered as fiction.

*The Hudson*, by Carl Carmer. 434 pp. with index and bibliography. Farrar & Rinehart, New York, 1939. \$2.50.

## TRUSTEES' MEETING

AT A MEETING of the Trustees on March 14 at the Harvard Club, New York, Captain Rufus Cole Van Aken of the Burgher Guard reported that the Guard now has a membership of forty-one, and that it has reached an all-time high of activity. The members, he said, are conducting many activities of their own, and also are thoroughly enjoying their active participation in the affairs of the Society.

During the course of the meeting, it was brought out that this night marked the Fiftieth Anniversary of the election to the Society of two of its best-known members—Trustee Walter M. Meserole, a former President and for many years Secretary of the Society; and Dr. J. Wilson Poucher of Poughkeepsie.

TRUSTEE Fenton B. Turck, Jr., President of the Holland House Corporation of The Netherlands, the company controlling the most recent addition to the Rockefeller Center group of buildings, received from Dr. Alexander Loudon, Netherlands Minister to the United States, on March 20, the decoration of Officer of the Order of Orange-Nassau. It was bestowed by Dr. Loudon on behalf of Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands.





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Arthur Pope Ackerman  
Great Barrington, Mass.  
Walter Everett Hopper, Jr. Ithaca, N. Y.  
Henry Frelinghuysen Schenk  
West Orange, N. J.  
John Foran Schenk Flemington, N. J.  
Richard Henry Staats  
Hopewell Junction, N. Y.  
Harold Amerman Sutphen  
Westport, Conn.  
Roy Earl Tallman  
Pompton Plains, N. J.  
Joseph E. Taulman Fort Worth, Texas  
Frederick Miller Van Wicklen  
New York City  
Albert Vedder Schenectady, N. Y.  
Daniel Elmer Westervelt Tenaflly, N. J.

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

Cornelius E. Eckerson Los Angeles, Calif.  
Hamlin Garland (Medalist)

Hollywood, Calif.  
Thomas C. Hoornbeek Montclair, N. J.

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From Carnegie Library, Washington and Lee University: *President's Report, Vol. XXXVIII, No. 14, December 15-1939*.

From The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research: *Magazine, Vol. III, 1939-1940*.

From The State Historical Society of Iowa: *The Iowa Journal of History and Politics, Vol. XXXVIII, No. 1, January, 1940*.

From Long Island Historical Society: *Quarterly, Vol. 2, No. 1, January, 1940*.

From The National Archives, Washington, D. C.: *Fifth Annual Report of the Archivist of the United States, 1938-1939*.

From The Historical Society of Pennsylvania: *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Index and List of Contents to Vol. LXIII and Vol. LXIV, No. 1, January, 1940*.

From Richard Schermerhorn, Jr.: "Beggars' Revolt", by Maurits Dekker, translated from the Dutch by Irene Clephane and David Halleit (1938).

From Staten Island Historical Society: *The Staten Island Historian, Vol. III, No. 1, Serial No. 9, January, 1940*.

From The Wyckoff Association in America: *The Wyckoff Family Bulletin, Vol. III, No. 3, February, 1940*.

From Arthur R. Wendell: *Map of the Province of New Jersey divided into East and West, Commonly called The Jerseys, engraved and published by Wm. Faden, Charing Cross, December 1st, 1777, as reproduced by J. Warren Arnold, Cape May, N. J.*

Remsen Johnson Brooklyn, N. Y.

Willard P. Schenck Brooklyn, N. Y.

Aaron S. Van Buskirk Keyport, N. J.

Waldemar Van Cott Salt Lake City, Utah

Abram L. Van Siclen Hollis, N. Y.

Anson A. Voorhees

Upper Montclair, N. J.

Stephen H. Voorhees Plainfield, N. J.





## FROLIC

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bled throng in the same way. With it all he kept up a lively running fire of amusing comment, purportedly to assist in entertaining his audience, but you can't tell us that it wasn't partly intended to draw attention away from just how he was performing his sleight-of-hand tricks.

Of a slightly more serious nature, and yet equally as entertaining, was the talk of the evening, delivered by Joseph Barnes, Foreign News Editor of the New York Herald Tribune. Mr. Barnes, as a former correspondent for the Herald Tribune in Moscow and Berlin, where he was when war was declared on September 3, 1939, had a wealth of material on which to base his talk, and he made the most of it. He devoted considerable attention to the subject of news censorship in the European countries in which he had worked, especially pointing out some of the problems which such censorship imposes on newspaper men from the United States.

The Frolic started with an informal reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:45, with the members and guests being escorted into the dining room by the Burgher Guard. The dinner was described in a Secretary's report as follows: "An exceptional menu was provided and general satisfaction was noted." Need more be said?

The Chairman of the committee in charge was Judge Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., and the Vice-Chairman Harrison Deyo. Unfortunately Judge Ackerson was ill on the night of the Frolic, and so Trustee John deC. Van Etten acted as Chairman pro tem. President Arthur R. Wendell welcomed the members and guests with appropriate remarks.

## SOUVENIR

A SHINGLE, suitably framed and inscribed, from the original Dutch Reformed Church erected at Amersfoort, L. I., now the Flatlands section of Brooklyn, in 1663, has been presented to The Holland Society by John H. Van Siclen of Flatlands.

The present Flatlands Reformed Church, at Kings Highway and East Forty-third Street, Brooklyn, near Flatbush Avenue, is the third edifice on the site, the first having been the one on which this shingle once had a place.

## BRANCH MEETINGS

THE UNION COUNTY Branch of The Holland Society, which usually holds its annual dinner in the fall, this year held its get-together on March 4 at the Hotel Winfield Scott, Elizabeth, N. J. Members from Middlesex, Monmouth and Mercer Counties also were present,—despite the heavy snow and sleet storm.

Messages from the Society were brought by President Arthur R. Wendell, Secretary Wheeler N. Voorhees, and Treasurer Ottomar H. Van Norden, and by Trustees Walter M. Meserole and Rufus Cole Van Aken. Harold O. Voorhis, Vice-president for Union County, presided. A memorial to the late Stephen H. Voorhees, for many years an active member of the Union County Branch, was read. Walter H. Van Hoesen delivered a summary of the history of the Dutch in New Jersey, which will be presented in full to the Society's archives in New York.

Officers re-elected were: Harold O. Voorhis, President; Walter H. Van Hoesen, Vice-President; and George B. Wendell, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer.





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## DE HALVE MAEN

NEW YORK CITY

JULY 8, 1940

### TRUSTEES HONOR VETERAN MEMBERS

IN HONOR of their half-century of membership and service in The Holland Society of New York, Walter M. Meserole and Dr. J. Wilson Poucher received handsome mementoes, the personal gifts of the Trustees, at the Trustees' Meeting June 13 in the Harvard Club, New York.

To Dr. Poucher, a Trustee for many years, Vice-President for Dutchess County for two long terms, and an active worker for the Society in many posts, went a silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed.

Mr. Meserole received a reproduction of a Paul Revere bowl, also lettered in antique script with a

### HOLLAND SOCIETY DAY AT WORLD'S FAIR

On Monday, June 3, about one hundred and twenty members of The Holland Society of New York, members of the Daughters of Holland Dames and their friends attended the New York World's Fair to aid in commemorating the anniversary of the purchase of Manhattan Island from the Indians on a May day more than three centuries ago.

Owing to a change in the daily schedule at the fair, it was necessary to cancel a scheduled review of troops at the evening retreat parade in the Court of Peace and the Society's flags were not paraded by the Burgher Guard.

Following assembly at 5:30

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### SYMPATHY TO THE NETHERLANDS

On May 10 the following message was sent to Her Majesty Wilhelmina of the House of Orange-Nassau, Queen of the Netherlands through Dr. Alexander Loudon, Netherlands Minister to the United States:

"The Holland Society of New York, through its officers and trustees, in this time of emergency extends to your gracious Majesty, to the royal family and to your people, our profound sympathy and assurances of our ardent prayers that God will grant strength, courage and victory to The Netherlands in the preservation of our ancestral ideals of democracy and free government.

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

Arthur R. Wendell, *President.*"

Attest: Frank H. Vedder, *Secretary.*





## TRUSTEES' MEETING

record of his services as President, Secretary, Trustee, and in other capacities.

President Wendell made the presentations for the Trustees, and both men responded with reminiscences. Both entered the Society at the same time, and each passed his fiftieth membership anniversary at the 1940 Annual Meeting.

A special letter of appreciation was ordered sent to Edward G. DeWitt, who retired as a Trustee in April after many years of especially useful service in several fields.

Harold O. Voorhis of Plainfield, New Jersey, was elected a Trustee to fill out the unexpired term of Roscoe V. Elsworth of New Paltz.

Secretary Frank H. Vedder reported that WPA workers were busy indexing more than 2,000 volumes of historical books, and the collections of church records and family Bibles in the Society's Library at 90 West Street, and said that a few copies of the index were being distributed to key libraries around the country. The Library, Mr. Vedder said, is always anxious to receive books of a historical and genealogical character, and would appreciate any that members of the Society care to donate.

The date of November 14 for the 1940 Annual Banquet was ratified, and it was voted to invite the ladies this year. There will be a Frolic on January 27, 1941, if finances permit, and the 1941 Annual Meeting was announced for April 7.

Francklyn Hogeboom announced that 25- and 50-year service bars, to be attached to the ribbon of the Society Badge, can now be ordered from the Secretary by those who have been members for that length of time.

President Wendell was given power to establish within the Society a unit of the Queen Wilhelmina Fund for Dutch refugees in foreign countries.

## WORLD'S FAIR

o'clock in the afternoon at Washington Hall officers of the two societies greeted members during the course of a reception hour. Immediately afterward a dinner was served on the veranda of Washington Hall overlooking the lake.

During the evening members of the societies and their friends scattered over the fair grounds to view the exhibits and when it came time for the usual display of fireworks on the lagoon they reassembled on the steps of Washington Hall to witness the spectacle.

The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Edward M. Van Buren as chairman and Richard Schermerhorn, Jr., Harrison Deyo, Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., Rufus C. Van Aken, President Arthur R. Wendell, Treasurer Otto-mar H. Van Norden and Secretary Frank H. Vedder.

## DUTCH DATA SOUGHT

Two of the Society's members are seeking additional material as the basis for volumes which may be published later. Hiram D. Blauvelt of Oradell, N. J., desires to receive menus and recipes used by our ancestors to go into an early Dutch Cook Book. Data concerning cabinetmakers, clockmakers and other Dutch craftsmen of New Jersey prior to 1800 is the object of search by Walter H. Van Hoesen of Fanwood, N. J. Information on either subject will be welcome if sent to them at the addresses indicated.





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Richard Henry Amerman	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Kenneth William Bergen	New York City
Robert Wheeler De Groat	Orange, N. J.
Giles Yates van der Bogert	Albany, N. Y.
Cameron Rapelye Van der Veer	Rutherford, N. J.
Max Langdon Van Norden	Rye, N. Y.
William Parks Van Nostrand	New York City
William Meeker Van Nuis, Jr.	New Brunswick, N. J.
Horace Russ Van Vleck	Montclair, N. J.
Edward Newton Van Vliet	Glen Ridge, N. J.
John Van Voorhis	Irondequoit, N. Y.
Frank Thaxter Wendell	Morristown, N. J.

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William D. Bloodgood	Garden City, N. Y.
William Leverich Brower	New York City
John G. Demarest	Oradell, N. J.
Fred C. Hornbeck	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Frank C. Kip	Chicago, Ill.
Gerrit Yates Lansing	Albany, N. Y.
David B. Rushmore	New York City
Robert Percy Schenck	Jersey City, N. J.
John E. Stryker	St. Paul, Minn.
Stephen Van Tassel	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

## ON OUR BOOK SHELF

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*By gift and exchange:*

From American Historical Association: *Annual Report for 1938.*

From Detroit Public Library: *Detroit Library Commission — Seventy-Fourth Annual Report, 1938-1939.*

From Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde te Leiden: *Jaarboek 1938-1939.*

From Historical Records Survey, Work Projects Administration: *Inventory of the Church Archives in New York City: Reformed Church in America, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.*

*Inventory of County Archives of New York City.*

*Inventory of County and Borough Archives of New York City.*

From Francklyn Hogeboom: *The Refugees of 1776 from Long Island to Connecticut, by Frederic Gregory Mather (1913).*

From The National Genealogist: *The National Genealogist, Vol. I, Nos. 1 and 2.*

From The Netherland Benevolent Society of New York: *32nd Annual Report, 1939.*

From Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio: *Annual Report, 1939.*

From The Historical Society of Pennsylvania: *Offprint from The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, April, 1940: "A Statement of Policy by The Historical Society of Pennsylvania."*

From Isaac A. Serven: *Continued Study Units in European Backgrounds: III. The Contributions of the Dutch, by Isaac A. Serven, Principal, School No. 37, Jersey City, N. J.*

From Union Club: *Officers, Committees, Members, Certificate of Incorporation, Constitution and Rules of the Union Club, 1940.*

From Edward M. Van Buren, Jr. and Harold O. Voorhis: *Moving Pictures of the Union County, N. J. Branch Picnic September 15-1939.*

From Arthur R. Wendell: *Dutchess County Doorways and Other Examples of Period-Work in Wood, 1730-1830, with Accounts of Houses, Places and People, by Helen Wilkinson Reynolds (1931).*





## UNION CO. PICNIC

THE MEMBERS of Union County Branch chose June 21 for their second annual picnic because it was the longest day of the year, but on that day darkness fell over the frolicking place in tree-shaded Echo Lake Park, Cranford, N. J., long before the program was concluded.

More than seventy persons, including officers of the Society, representatives of neighboring branches and guests, were in attendance, with our ever genial and thoughtful President Arthur R. Wendell as master of ceremonies.

The day's program got under way early in the afternoon with a soft ball game in which Judge Henry Ackerson's Champs opposed John Van Etten's Stars. The contest was followed by a series of competitive events open to all members for a prize trophy donated by Arthur W. Burley, fellow member with President Arthur R. Wendell on the Union County Park Commission. It was awarded to Eugene van Houten, who scored the most points in horse shoe pitching, nail driving and other games.

Members of the Park Commission staff took charge of supper arrangements and at 5:30 o'clock "blew the horn" for a repast which included everything from steamed clams to coffee and ice cream served on long tables under a towering grove of trees.

Fellowship ran high and talk of the "good old days" and other gala occasions in the Society's history were in order as the entire company gathered around a camp fire in the early evening. As dusk turned to darkness voices raised in song mingled with accompanying accordion notes to carry over the green parkland.

The committee on arrangements included Harold O. Voorhis, Walter H. Van Hoesen, George B. Wendell Jr. and Edward M. Van Buren.

## DEMAREST HOUSE

WITH THIS ISSUE of De Halve Maen there is enclosed a pamphlet on the Demarest House at New Bridge, near Hackensack, N. J. This two-room structure was erected in 1678 and probably is the oldest building standing in the State. It was saved from demolition through the effort of Hiram Demarest Blauvelt, a Society member, who is seeking its preservation as a museum. Mrs. Margaret Demarest Blauvelt, Oradell, N. J., is curator and donations or gifts may be sent to her.

## SHORE OUTING AHEAD

A "SHORE OUTING" is planned by the Monmouth County Branch as a start for the Society's Fall activities. It will be held Saturday, September 21, from noon until the last man leaves for home and the place will be Seidler's Beach on Route 35 along the way from Keyport to Jersey shore points. Pennsylvania and Jersey Central trains will be met at Matawan by request to Cornelius Ackerson, 35 Elizabeth street, Keyport. The program will include soft ball, horse shoe pitching, swimming and other activities until dinner is served at 5:30 o'clock. Rain or shine, the occasion will be on schedule, with \$1.50 per man for the dinner, games, beer, salt air and an enjoyable time.

## CAPITOL DISTRICT

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Capitol City Branch was held April 5 at the Mohawk Club in Schenectady, N. Y. Arrangements were in charge of Horace S. Van Voast, chairman; Mills Ten Eyck and Dr. Frank van der Bogert. Officers elected for the year are: President, Horace S. Van Voast; vice-pres., Foster Pruyn; secretary-treasurer, Albert E. Oliver. Edward C. Conde, city historian of Schenectady, gave a very interesting talk on the Indian history of the Mohawk Valley.





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### BANQUET DATE: NOVEMBER 14

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY'S Fifty-fifth Annual Banquet will take place November 14 in the Hotel Plaza, New York City, and promises to be a brilliant affair. Ladies are being invited this year, and the crowd will be larger than ever to welcome the symbolic beaver, to do justice to succulent *butspot*, and to make merry in general.

The high spot of the evening will be the presentation of The Holland Society's Annual Gold Medal to Henry Ford for outstanding achievement in introducing and developing the art of mass production in industrial manufacture. Suitable entertainment features will be provided, but all entertainment and addresses will be timed to a rigid schedule, according to Banquet Chairman John de C. Van Etten, so that out-of-town guests will not be inconvenienced.

MONTHLY vespers in Dutch, with Dutch hymn-singing, begin

November 3, at the West End Collegiate Church, New York.

### 'HOUSES' BOOK REDUCED

THE SYNDICATE which sponsored the publication of two large volumes on old Dutch houses of the Hudson River regions announces that it has acquired all outstanding unsold copies of the second book, both of the special Holland Society edition and the publisher's edition, and that the price has been reduced from \$18 a copy to \$10. This second volume treats of the old houses in southern New York and northern New Jersey and their genealogical associations. The first volume has been out of print for several years.

### OVERSIGHT

BECAUSE of an oversight, the number of the issue of DE HALVE MAEN dated July 8, 1940, was not changed from the previous issue. If you preserve your copies, please mark the July 8, 1940, issue "No. 3" of Vol. XV.





## DOINGS OF THE GUARD

AT A MEETING of the Burgher Guard October 16, 24 Guardsmen had President Arthur R. Wendell as their guest. They re-elected four lieutenants and their adjutant, and, since Quarter Master Sergeant Eugene van Houten was about to leave for military service, elected four new Quarter Master Sergeants—Kenneth William Bergen, Harrison Deyo, Philip Rogers Deyo, and Eugene Hotaling—to carry on the increased duties of this position.

The Guard has been active in every public function of the Society during the past year and has represented the Society at many outside functions. The second edition of *Who's Who in the Burgher Guard*, a 28-page brochure, was issued recently.

## MONMOUTH HAD FUN

A GOODLY CROWD was there at Seidler's Beach on the New Jersey shore September 21, when the Monmouth County Branch played host to a group of 45 men in all. Athletics for young and old, eating, and fun-making went on all afternoon and far into the evening. Cornelius Ackerson was in charge.

## BARS ARE AVAILABLE

PRICES for the 25- and 50-year membership bars, which can be affixed to the Society badge by those entitled to wear them, have been announced as follows: silver-gilt, \$1.25; 10-karat gold, \$3.50; 14-karat gold, \$4.50.

## DUTCHESS DINES

A LARGE and enthusiastic group of Dutchess County members and guests assembled in Poughkeepsie on October 3 for the Fifty-first Annual *Hutspot* Dinner of the Dutchess County Branch. Officers, Trustees, and members from other branches augmented the group who partook of succulent *hutspot* prepared from a local recipe in the way only Dutchess County cooks can do it. Franklyn J. Poucher, president of the local branch, was host and toastmaster.

The Dutchess dinner commemorates the raising of the siege of Leyden, and is nearly as old in its own tradition as the parent Society's annual banquet.

## INVITATION TO LUNCH

THURSDAYS are busy at the Society offices, as many committee members meet the Officers and Trustees there in the morning to transact their Society business. It has become a custom to adjourn to The Planters Restaurant, 124 Greenwich Street, at one o'clock. An open invitation is extended to all Society members in the neighborhood at the time to join the group at luncheon.

## TRUSTEES' MEETING

THE QUARTERLY meeting of the Trustees took place October 10 at the Harvard Club, New York. For the better part of three hours about 15 men busied themselves with reports and numberless small and large details of the Society's existence.





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### Editorial

#### OUR PUBLICATIONS

AT THE RECENT Trustees' Meeting, a unanimous vote postponed the Year Book, announced for this Fall, until next Spring.

This may disappoint some, but, after all, the postponement followed an old Dutch custom of sound financing. Money has been budgeted toward this Year Book for two years, and is in the bank. This, added to the amount allotted for Year Book purposes from current funds, would pay for a presentable Year Book, much more valuable historically and intrinsically than the one issued in 1937.

Although no raids on this budget item are anticipated, the always-conservative Trustees thought it wisest to obligate the Society for this amount only after it is deposited in the bank at the end of the fiscal year.

This is good reasoning and sound financing, and it is hoped that a few months of delay will not greatly disappoint the members.

All things are in a state of flux these days. The Society has been shifting its activities back and forth for a number of trying years. This shifting may continue until world conditions become more normal, always with the idea of benefiting the greatest number of members.

#### TO SHOW HEIRLOOMS

AN EXHIBITION of Dutch heirlooms in the name of The Holland Society but sponsored by The Holland House Corporation, is planned for late November in Holland House, New York City. The idea of holding such an exhibition is credited to Fenton B. Turck, chairman of the board of The Holland House Corporation and a Trustee of The Holland Society.

#### HAIL AND FAREWELL

THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of New York welcomes the following persons elected to membership by the Trustees October 10, 1940:

Charles Whitney Carpenter, II	New York City
Edward Norvell Carpenter	New York City
Kenneth William Schenk	Oyster Bay, N. Y.
William H. Van Vliet	Lakewood, Ohio
Edward Van Volkenburgh	New York City
Rev. John Ralph Voris, D.D.	New York City

The sincere sorrow of the Society is expressed in recording these names of members who have died recently:

Daniel A. Hasbrouck	New Paltz, N. Y.
Leonor F. Loree (Medalist)	West Orange, N. J.
William B. Osterhout	Freeport, N. Y.
Louis B. Ostrander	New York City
Frank van der Bogert, M.D.	Schenectady, N. Y.
John J. Viele	Bronxville, N. Y.





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From Richard H. Amerman: *Souvenir of the 175th Anniversary of the Neshanic Reformed Church of Neshanic, N. J., 1752-1927*.

From California State Society Sons of the Revolution: *Bulletin*, Vol. XIX, No. 2, 1940.

From Collegiate Reformed Church: *Year Book for 1940*.

From Columbia University Club: *Year Book for 1940*.

From Hendrik de Leeuw: *Holland: Crossroads of the Zuider Zee*, by Hendrik de Leeuw (1938).

From Robert Furman, M.D.: Pamphlet entitled *Daughters of Thomas Lawrence, Newtown, L. I.* Compiled by Robert Furman, M.D., Genealogist, for A. V. Phillips, Esq. of Boston, Mass.

From Genealogy & History: *Genealogy & History*, Vol. I, Whole No. 13.

From State Historical Society of Iowa: *Iowa Journal of History and Politics for 1940*. Also *The Palimpsest for 1940*.

From Kentucky State Historical Society: *The Register*, 1940.

From Knapp Family Association of America: *Bulletin*, Vol. IV, No. 2, October, 1940.

From Long Island Historical Society: *Quarterly*, Vol. 2, No. 3, July, 1940.

From Michigan Historical Commission: *Michigan History Magazine*, Vol. 24, No. 3, 1940.

From Minnesota Historical Society: *Minnesota History*, Vol. 21, No. 2, June, 1940.

From The Genealogical Society of New Jersey: *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, Vol. 14, No. 3, July, 1939.

From The National Genealogist: *The National Genealogist*, Vol. 1, No. 3, June, 1940.

From New Jersey Historical Society: *Proceedings*, 1940.

From New York Genealogical and Biographical Society: *The Record*, 1940.

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From New York State Historical Association: *New York History*, 1940.

From The Historical Society of Pennsylvania: *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 1940.

From The Queens Borough Public Library, Long Island Collection: *The Dongan Charter to Jamaica of 1686 — Historical Address by the Hon. Victor Hugo Paltsits, Litt.D.* (Oct. 29, 1939).

From The Staten Island Historical Society: *The Staten Island Historian*, July, 1940.

From the Wyckoff Association of America: *Report of the Fourth Annual Meeting*, Vol. IV, No. 1, March 2, 1940.

### *By purchase:*

*Sylvester's History of Saratoga County, N. Y.*

*History of Washington County, N. Y.*

*Who's Who*, 1940.

*Woodbridge and Vicinity — The Story of a New Jersey Township*, by the Rev. Joseph W. Dally.

*History of St. George's Church, Schenectady, N. Y.*, 2 Vols. (1919), by Willis T. Hanson, Jr.

*Death and Burial Records, Schoharie County, N. Y.* Collected by Henry Cady.

*Littell's Genealogies of the First Settlers of Passaic Valley above Chatham.*

Gifts of books of historical value to the Society's Library are welcomed.











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